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Wed 7 July 24th 1895.
After store-house (8. A.M.), spent all the morning arranging, chronologically, my bills of the last five years. My eyes and back were very tired, by noon, & I lay down for ½ hour before dinner; Iguori's lesson at 2. P.M., for half-hour. Went out to inspect the men building the fence-line, out on the prairie. At 3. P.M., the Dressing-Class, - only 5 present. School-boys asked for coco-nuts, but none cd. climb the trees. Workmen asked, & they climbed, M. le Beaufort sent the 25 francs remaining due on his purchase of a sewing-machine yesterday. A new moon, last night; & it lightened the road for those who came to Prayer-Meeting this evening. A new school-boarder to-day, Kombora.
Thursday 25th. Ivoke absent to-day. A Sierra Leone carpenter annoying, with insisting that I shd. go to the storehouse for him, after store hours. Wrote a letter to Mrs McCorkle (neé Miss Mary Owen,) of Chestnut Hill, Phila., Felt very tired all day. Finished reading "Trilby", - a sad story. Prairie fires

near, close to Adande's house, on the edge of the premises. The morning was chilly and damp, - the afternoon quite warm. A sailing vessel in the harbor; it came last evening.

Friday July 26. Felt sleepy, tired, and feverish. Did very little all day. German steamer came in, from the north, with a few letters from sister Isabella & others, at Batanga. Anyentyuwe at her usual Friday work, & I continued the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" readings. Two of Gertrude's (Mrs. Pratt's) children, Sophie & Sammy, came, by the steamer, from Bata. Ozyonguno again crying, as the chapter I read was of Eva's death.

Sat. July 27 } Made no note on Sat. Read "Uncle
Sab. " 28 } Tom's Cabin" again. Good singing, in the evening English, and an unusual number of persons present. On Sab., saw that a French steamer had come in, during the night. Exercises as usual: a good number in my Bible Class, & unusual number in the Primary Department. Young Mr. McEwen, of H. & C., present, in the afternoon. After evening meeting, found that Awora had my lantern out in his house, & had gone off with the key.

Baraka (July 1895)

Monday, July 29th. At morning prayers, Opanda told me that one of the aged female ch-members, Avanji, was sick. Supposing her quite sick, I went to visit her, at Bushnell's house; she did not seem seriously ill. Took a walk back of the premises, across the prairie, & down towards the mangroves, where I had never been before; &, on returning, was alarmed by the threatening advance of 3 oxen I met. Did not do much, in afternoon. Tried to write; c^d not; am hungry for the delayed mail.

Tuesday, July 30th. Every body late. A cold dark morning. After morning-prayers, letters were handed me, wh. had come from St Thomas, by the "Como" last evening; - I had not seen the steamer enter the harbor. Sent for the newspapers, - quite a lot came. Letter came, from the Ainsleys, by hand of Miss Kingsley, who had walked overland from the Ogowe. Spent the morning in looking over the mail. About 3. P. M., Miss Kingsley called up, to see me about Ngùta, the Galwa employe of Mr. Jacob, who had come with her, as interpreter, to have him stay here, till he c^d find passage back to the Ogowe. Heard of the suicide of young Dewey(?), a Frenchman in the Ogowe.

Wed'y July 31st. Did not sleep well last night. Wrote a letter to sister-in-law, Mrs Elizabeth F. Nassau. At noon, was much vexed at the school-boys coming to complain about their food; &, at the table-boy's attempting to bring the complainant to me at the table. In afternoon, wrote to niece Belle Gosman. Am reading General Assembly news, in the Pittsburg "Times", sent me by niece Belle.

Thursday Aug. 1. Clear bright day. Pay day: were paid with unusual rapidity. Read up General Assembly news, in the Pittsburg "Times". In afternoon, went to German Factory; heard of suicide of young Dovey of Ogowe, — was supposed to have had, before that, a sunstroke. Augustina head brushing up the house, Her plan to go visiting across the river next week, after Mary's anniversary birth-day Party, — some hesitation whether we sh'd hasten, both the Party and journey this week. News of the death, by drowning, of some people, who were going to Corisco in a canoe. Annoyed to-day, with Ongota's dissatisfaction with my food, — and with Ejanga's striking Mâkâ.

Friday Aug. 2d } In afternoon of Thursday (?) Miss Kingsley
Sat'y " 3d } came, to have me help her with

arrangement to go, in our mission-boat to Corisco, next Tuesday. On Sat. 7, Everybody late; I had to ring the rising & prayer-bells myself. Just after morning-prayers, the German steamer was seen coming in. Sent off the boat, supposing that Mr. Perrinjaquet, & also the Ainsleys, might be on board. Hasted through the S. A. M. store-work, & went to Plateau with the mason, Josef, to get Permit for him to go to Batanga: was at the Bureau (think it was Mr. Bezard) for an entire hour, waiting. Left Josef, & hasted here, to write, hearing that the steamer wd. leave at 11. A. M. Saw Mĕporĕma at Brandon's, on the way. At the German house, found steamer wd. not leave till 12. At Baraka road, met Ainsley arrived. At Baraka, found Mr. Perrinjaquet arrived. Josef came, in haste at 12 noon, with the Permit. Hurried him, & took the men from their noon rest, to take him off in my boat. He got there in time; steamer left at 1. P. M. Mr Perrinjaq at once beginning his assumptions, he brought some fowls, to raise eggs! I told him I wd. provide eggs, if he wanted, but ~~that~~ I wd. not allow fowls to spoil my garden. In evening, after Prayers, he removed them to the lower house.

Sabbath, Aug. 4th. A cool pleasant day. Much drumming & dancing, last night, in town, & some also even to-day. This morning, after breakfast, I saw one of the school-boys, with Mr. Perrinjaquet, removing the box that had contained his chickens; but, whether they were there, or what he did with them, I do not know. The afternoon service I made occasion for showing the church its duty of a native pastorate. Four young white men were present, — Messrs Heddington, McEwan, Collins, & Gouber, & they came to the house after church, for a few minutes. Monthly Concert in evening, with good attendance. French mail was expected to-day; but, it did not come until long after dark.

Monday Aug. 5th. Busy; immediately after morning-prayers, sent all the men, to put "Lafayette" in the water. Prepared the Declarations and Permits. After 8. A.M. store-house, went to Plateau. Paid Doctor's bill, at Treasury. Got Embarcation and Navigation Permits. Returned, & got out the sails &c, for Miss Kingsley's journey, tomorrow to Corisco. At noon, gave the monthly rewards to 9 of the school-children, for regular attendance.

Baraka

A small mail came, from last night's steamer, and a Mission Letter, whose news of reinforcements for Batanga, with no aid for this end of the field, - as the possible return of Mr. Presset with ~~his~~ any memory of his offences to me here a year ago, - make me unwilling to remain longer here. Miss Kingsley called to hear what were the final arrangements I had made for her. A good Prayer-Meeting this evening.

Tuesday Aug. 6. Ioke & his crew were early at work, so that when I went down at 7.30. A.M., the boat was all ready, & Miss Kingsley started at 8.40. A.M. Wrote a refusal to Rev Dr. J. H. Barrows to aid in the Parliament of Religions. Wrote to Rev. J. Gillespie, about proposed division of the mission. In afternoon, wrote to Mr. Todd. Mr. Pernifaquet proposes to leave & return to Switzerland soon.

Wed. Aug. 7. An English steamer came in, wh., at first, I supposed was from the South; but, it proved to be the "Niger", from the north. A few letters; one from Mr Todd. Preparing for a Birth-day Feast, in daughter Mary's absence, Invited, - (as I cd. not find 11 civilized young girls) 4 of the

mothers:- Anyentyuwe and Oyongwino, Mrs Lewis, and Sâyâ, Lucina and Ogandaga, Sophie Boughton, Mary and Lydia Ermey, Kaka, and Mrs Ainsley. The dinner was at 2. P.M.. At 3. P.M., I had to leave them, to go to Inquiry-Class. The French mail went out, with Ongata for Cape Lopez. From 4.30 to 5.30, I gave the remainder of the company music, on my Mandolin. In evening, after Prayer-meeting, Capt. Busme of "Möve," called with Capt. Fred Davis of the "Niger", son of old Capt. J. W. Davis..

Thursday, Aug. 8th. Went, after 8. o'clk Store-house, with Kaya & Nene, as witnesses of the birth of Mrs. Marling's babe, to get a Certificate of birth. But male witnesses were required by law, & I did not succeed. For the first time, I knew & spoke with M. Bezeul, knowing it to be him. Paid $7. for Cession, & obtained the Deed for Baraka Premises, ~~it~~ has been sought for, for the last 12 months. Also, paid part for Deed of Benita Premises. Mr. Perrijaquet obtained, from the French doctor, a certificate of ill health, for return to Europe. An abundance of plantains and iguana. .

Friday, Aug. 9th. Tried to write, but did not feel up to the mark. Arranged for the journey of Mrs. Lewis & Anyentyuwe, to the other side of the river. The latter came, late in the afternoon, to finish her week's mending, & I finished reading to her the play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin".

Sat'y, Aug. 10th. Immediately after morning-prayers, started the men to get out the boat "Minnesota"; and, after I had breakfasted, I went to the pier, & saw the ladies & their children off at 7.45. Watched the boat a long time, as it struggled against the tide. Did not feel any energy for writing or doing anything. ~~D~~ ~~after~~ Discovered ~~that~~ Aurora, in charge of the spring-house key, had let it out to others, and they were washing at the spring; one of them was Licentiate Ignwe, - and I was very displeased with him. In afternoon, while preparing acct. of H. & C., Mr. Fildes came up, with bills of some newly arrived goods. The "Minnesota" returned, by 4. P.M., having had a very fine run. Housed the boat. Felt depressed, about my isolated position in the mission. In evening, Capt. Burns, & engineer Whitty

called to see me. They mentioned that Mrs Ogden expected to return to the Mission.

Sabbath, Aug. 11: Dark morning; but, the day grew bright. Tranquil, - no drumming or singing in the villages. I had sent word, for Mrs Ainsley to teach her sister's class, in absence of the latter. But Ainsley, to spite his wife, w^d^ not let her come. A good attendance all day, even at night.

Monday, Aug. 12: Wrote the draft of a letter, I have for 6 months been intending to write to the Board, asking to be allowed to retire from the Mission, unless ~~the Mission~~, next Dec., shall relieve me of charge of Baraka. I refuse longer to be in charge of those difficult French teachers, especially as I am not sustained, in my difficulties with Mr. Perrinjaquet, by the Mission. In afternoon, went to Eleine village, and made a pastoral visit to Anna Moore, & prayed with her. Saw the "Lafayette" coming in. Went to meet Miss Kingsley; and had the boat put up at once. After evening Prayer-Meeting, - had an exciting chase, driving cows out of the yard; and then, went to call on Miss Kingsley, to inquire about her journey.

Tuesday, Aug. 13 } Did not make any entries on 13. Mrs Emery
Wed'y " 14 } taught the adults, in afternoon meeting; & afterwards, Ogandaga came to make acknowledgment of her offense of stealing, 6 weeks ago. And Igowe made acknowledgment of his offense at the spring on Monday. In evening, Capt. Burns with engineer Whitely called to bid good-bye, expecting to return to England on next English steamer. Wed'y, the "Batanga" returned, from south; Capt. Burns & Mr. Riepper called to see me. In afternoon, came the "Evangeline", from Angom, with letter from Mr. Marling. Mr. Perrinjaquet announced his intention to leave, on French steamer next week. Dark night. Prairie fires. Air to-day like Rainy-Season. Have had no rain for 3 months.

Thursday, Aug. 15. After the 8. A.M. store-hour, went with Kaya, Ntyango, & Senge, to Plateau, to witness Mr. Marling's baby's Birth-Certificate; but, the day was a Fête-Day, and all the Bureaus were closed. Bought some (5) Kasanguwus, and sold 2 to Mrs Perrinjaquet. In afternoon, sent to Miss Kingsley some of her clothing Anyentyuwa had left here; and bills to Mr. Hudson. After evening Prayers, the prairie near the house was set on fire by some one; and, for

any hour, I had to fight the fire with the school-boys, & some of the men.

Friday, Aug. 16th. Went to Plateau again, with the company of yesterday. Was there 2 hours, - from 2d. Bureau, & office of Mons. Alexis, and Mons Bizeul, - & at the tribunal, applying to the Judge for a certificate of Mr. Marling's babe's birth. Coming back, stopped a little while at Sapé's house, & at Mrs Ainsley's. Went again, in afternoon, to sign my name to the application to the Judge. Returning, stopped at Ravinye's & also at Mrs Ainsley's. At H. & C's, to see the size of the goods & boxes, for Mr. Marling next week. Izuwa, (Ijuli) in the morning, had come on an errand to summon all the church-members; but, I interfered. There is some ill-will between her and the others. In the evening, Keya & Oporda privately told me of Izuwa's being vexed at them.

Sat'y. Aug. 17th. German steamer came in. Letters from Mr. Ford, Fraser, & Robert, and Mrs Gault, and sister Bella. A woman came, to have one of her rear upper molars extracted, - & I got it out very well. Mons Pichaud had came, just as I was sitting to breakfast, to get

some goods from the store, making out acct. of the things I am to send Mr. Marling next week, Tried to sell, to Mr. Hudson of H & C., the large doors that are on hand in the store. Mr. Ainsley came, in afternoon, and cut my hair. Avona & Ogula very negligent of their duties, in the house-work. A good English-Singing at night. Sat up late writing.

Sabbath, Aug. 18: For the first time, in more than 2 months, there was a little rain in the morning, and menyenge drizzle during the day. Preached a strong and very direct sermon, against native Funeral Customs. And, in afternoon, a sermon on Abraham's Trial of Faith. After service, was pleased that Mr Jarrett & Mr Ainsley remembered my sermon, of last Sab. afternoon, about the Sin at Babel. A small French gun-boat came in, during the morning, - & the "Mdeco", in evening.

Monday, Aug. 19: Assisting Mr. Perrinjaquet, with boxes for his packing of his luggage. Finished some partly written letters. In afternoon, went to Plateau, to Post-office; to Direction of Interior, and got Deeds of Benito, - to 2d Bureau, but did not obtain Mr. Marling's Certificate, - to Bettencourt, - to Holtz, - to the Jardin, & engaged Cacao-seeds of Mons. Chalet. On the way back, stopped to see the work

on the photographic house, & at Mrs Ainsley's & And, feels have tired. No steamer in yet with the letters due to-day.

Tuesday, Aug. 20. A notably busy day. The messenger, who had brought word from Aug-n-tyani, on Saty, came for reply, on his return to the other side of the river. At 7. A. M., the French mail was seen coming in. Sent men to get out the "Lafayette". At 8. A. M., went with Mons. Pernijaquet, to Plateau; went to Douanes; went to Doctor's, to return him 2 bottles; to Post-office; to Fraissinet S.S. Company & paid for Mr. P's ticket to Marseilles. Returning, stopped at Wöermann's, to see about Mr. Marling's lost bale of stockfish. Had taken a messenger with me to Plateau, & had sent him back, with the permit from Custom House, for the "Lafayette". Arrived at the boat-house just in time to see the "Robbie" safely launched, to be towed by "Lafayette". When mail came, despatched Mr. Marling's mail-box, at once at 11.30, A. M., and the boat was off by 12 noon. Spread a good farewell dinner to Mons. Pernijaquet. At 1.30. P. M., started his baggage to the beach. And, at 2. P. M., went with him, to see him embark at the pier. The boat was

the "Evangeline", & the sea was very rough. Returned here exhausted with the day's responsibilities, — and a reaction followed from the excitement. Ivete returned, at 4. P. M., with the boat safely; but with difficulty from the waves. A sailing vessel came in, at dusk. Sent 3 important letters, — (1) to Secy Gillespie, containing my request for Permit to return to America. (2). to brother-in-law Wells, with a copy of that request. (3), to Rev. F. M. Todd, — making intimation of my possible return next year.

Wed. Aug. 21: Went with Ovanga-Bella, to the Plateau, to get permit for her to go to Batanga. The "Taygete", on which Mr. Perrinjaquet went yesterday, was still in the harbor. In afternoon, sent, to Fraissinet, the clothing of Mr. Schimpf, wh. Anyentyuwi had left here: some difficulty about the messenger, and their coming for his soiled clothing, with wh. I had no business or authority to take part. During the day, offered a position, as teacher, to Bajedi, but he preferred to go back to Kombe. Then, sent for Thomas Lewis, & offered it to him; he assent-ed, but not very earnestly. Mr. Perrinjaquet seems to have left some Parthian arrows against me.

Baraka (August 1895)

Thursday, Aug. 22. At 8. oclk, Iveke told me of his having found, last night, while we were at Prayer-meeting, Awora & Ogula outside the cellar, & Rapȃnde & another Oheme man, Njambi, inside ~~the~~ cellar, stealing tins of food, Ogula having furnished them the key of the spring-house, wh. happened to be duplicate of of the cellar key! I had arranged before this, for going to the Plateau, for a money-order at the post-office, & to get the cacao-seeds from Jardin d'Essai, for Batanga. ~~So~~ After considerable planning, went with Iveke first, to Commissary house, & charged Ogula, Rapȃnde, & Njambi, with theft, & the police was sent for them while I went to Plateau, Iveke went with police. They got Ogula; and then, at Eheme, got the other 2. When I returned from Plateau, the police had come also to get Awora, whom ~~the others~~ charged also. At'ona changed the locks on the cellar. Had headache all afternoon. About 4. P. M., came a man, Nkenge, with a letter from Anyentyuwa across the river, asking for certain things of food and clothing ~~and~~ pay for the woman who is doctoring her.

Friday, Aug. 23: Before 7. A.M., a policeman was here, to get Iveke to go, to Plateau, to appear as witness against the thieves, of yesterday. Writing letters for Batanga. Had a headache still from yesterday. In afternoon, I had set Agânji at a job of grass-cutting, & he chose to burn it, as a lazy way of getting it done; and it burned down part of my fence. Then he said that it was a woman who burned it! I dismissed him for his lying, and for the damage to the fence. Miss Kingsley called to see, about her indebtedness to me for the Corisco journey. Of the English men-of-war, it was the "Alecto" that came in last Sabbath; the "Thrush", a few days ago, & the "Philomel", to day, a large vessel that fired a national salute. Have refused three applicants for house-work to-day, though I am looking for a ... one.

Sat'y, Aug. 24. Woke several times, last night, with headache, & rose with it at 5:30. By 6. A.M., Nkenge had come, for the things I had prepared for Anyentyuwe at the other side of the river; called 2 men to help him carry. And, Ovanga-Bella was here, to get $3.00, wh. the woman who is to take care of her child, demands. And immediately

after prayers, sent, to Wöermann's, for their steamer to Batanga, a box of cacao-pods, & letter for Batanga, & my headache gradually disappeared. A man (white) came from one of the English vessels, for oil of sandal-wood, — thinking this house was the French doctor's. Just as I was ready to sit for dinner, came Njivo (Hattie), Mrs Ainsley, & she broke down crying, for the cruel treatment by her husband. In afternoon, at H. & C., & paid bills to date. Miss Kingsley also paid her bill for journey to Corisco. One of the English steamers is brilliantly lighted, as if there were some Entertainment going on there.

Sabbath, Aug. 25th. Quiet day, with only an occasional native drum. In morning, 1 white man, Mr. Heddington, at ch.; and an unusual number of Sierra Leone in my Bible Class. In afternoon, Miss Kingsley and Misses McEwan & Collins present. Last night, the "Philomel" had made a fine Search-light Exhibition; & to-night the French Gov. gives a return Levee.

Monday, Aug. 26th. Wrote letters to Sec'y Gillespie, & to Treasurer Dulles. The English war-vessels, "Thrush", & "Philomel", steamed out of the harbor together, early this morning. The relatives

of the thieves arrested last Thursday, are assailing Iveke for informing on them. Ejanga began work, as table-boy, yesterday, in place of Ogula.

Tuesday, Aug. 27. Mons Chevalier, of the "Chargeurs Reunis," sent Ainley, for some copper-nails, - I think I am the only one in Gabon who has them. Wrote a long letter to Mr. Gacon, in the Ogowe. In afternoon, Miss Kingsley called, to ask me about names of places in the Ogowe. I gave her a Mpongwe Grammar, - a Benga Grammar, - a copy of "Mawedo", & loaned her my copy of "Crowned in Palmland". - In evening, M. Chevalier sent me a present of vegetable and flower seeds, & 5 francs pay for the nails; but, the messenger, Ainsley, did not have the money, - some mistake.

Wed'y. Aug. 28. Wrote a letter to Rev. Dr. Butler, of the N.J. Synod's For. Miss'y Com. Mr. Heddington, of H. & C., came to see about a burial-place, for one of their Krooman; - I sent them to the Potters-field, out on the prairie. He consulted me also about his wish to interfere, in the matter of Mr. Hudson's neglect to place the grave-stones that were sent out, for H & C's deceased clerks. This evening, came Ainsley again, having the 5 franc piece, wh. Mons. Chevalier had forgotten.

Thursday, Aug. 29th: After breakfast, went with Ivcke and Kero, to the Tribunal; the 4 accused were called up, Ogula, Rapándo, Njambi, & Awora; they c.d not deny that they were at the stealing, though some denied that they stole. Then, Ivcke was called as witness; and, soon I was called in, & made oath; and my statement. And the four were sentenced to a year of imprisonment each. I returned, stopping at Holt's; and at Izuma's house, and told her the story of the theft; and, on to Mrs Ainsley's, and told her the story; and listened to her story of the imprisonment of Foster, for stealing her box of clothes. In afternoon, wrote draft of a letter to Rev. D.r Craven, on Polygamy and our Native churches. In evening, after prayers, the mother of Awora, Ikwila, came to me very sadly, hoping for some intercession by me, for mitigation of Awora's sentence.

Friday, Aug. 30th: Waiting all morning, expecting the coming of the Government Committee of School-inspection, & prepared the place with French flags; but, they did not come. In afternoon, revised the draft of the letter for D.r Craven. Miss Kingsley called, to return the copy I had loaned her of "Crowned in Palm-land". Preparing to erect some street-lamps on the premises

and cutting bamboo; with wh. to complete the fence around the premises.

Saturday, Aug 31st. Wrote the final copy of the letter for Rev. Dr. Cavey, on Polygamy. At noon, came word, from the French School Examining Committee, that they wd. be here at 3.30, P.M., When they came, the assistant teacher Ogombe was not present, & only young Joseph Lewis ~~were~~ was there, to pose as teacher. The Examination was short and unsatisfactory, though the Com. were polite to me. While at supper, Oyongumo arrived, having come with Akanga, who brought Mrs Lewis from the other side of the river: she brought me an igewa and a letter from her mother. Oyongumo ate supper with me, and then went to her aunt, Mrs Aiinly, to spend the night.

Sabbath, Sept. 1st. A bright, and quiet day. Was disappointed that Oyongumo did not come to breakfast, nor to church, nor to dinner. Mr. McEwen came, to afternoon service, — several of the school-boys came in before Service, to see the Illustrated Bible. In evening, after Monthly-Concert, had a talk with Licentiate Ignwe, and told him I would not favor his ordination, as he did not seem to have the energy and common sense necessary for a leader and Pastor.

Baraka (Sept. 1895)

Sept. 2: Monday. While at breakfast, Oyongumo came, for ~~the~~ few things I was to send to her mother. I sent 2 men to carry them for her to the beach; but, I heard afterward that Nkunge delayed at the Plateau, & did not start across river till near 11. A.M. Pay-day, - no special trouble. The Church bell does not work well, - something is broken in its frame, & I had the ~~set~~ entire belfry taken down. Miss Kingsley called, in afternoon, to return a book I had loaned her. Iguwe conducted Prayer Meeting, in evening, but acted very strangely, & cut things short.

Tuesday, Sept. 3d. Several annoyances, at the Store house. - a man very insulting and assuming, about prices. Much of the cards paid out yesterday, coming in again. Ogombe very unsatisfactory as a teacher, & irregular, and intemperate: so, I changed, & lowered his wages, and he left, - but not disrespectfully. An English steamer was seen coming in, from south, the "Niger", Capt Fred Davis. The men busy all day, about the bell & its frame, - it was finally re-erected & finished by 5.30 P.M. Miss Kingsley called, in the afternoon, to say good-bye. Heard, this evening, ~~that~~ an unknown & masked man had made an attempt to kill Sěda, wife of Olundigani, while she was putting cassava to soak at a brook.

Wed'y, Sept. 4: The "Niger" went out very early. Wrote a letter to son Charles. Startled, in afternoon, by a note from Argentine, who, I supposed, was on the other side of the Bay, saying she was back here for this one day. After Singing class, went to see her, & took Miss Kingsley's letter to her, & a duplicate to Mrs Ainsley. A good number at evening Prayer-meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 5: Started Iveke & a crew of 4, to get out the "Evangeline", in wh. I went, after attending to S.P.M. store, to the telegraph-office, to send Mr. Ford's telegram to Hamburg. The assistant there is new, Wright having left, to open a rum-shop near our boat-house. The Superintendent, Mons. G. Baillau, recognised me from 1886. Knew Mr. Bruce Walker, (who, I thought was dead, but who, he said, is down in Pretoria, South Africa?) He thanked me for some kindness I had done to a certain woman, in whom he is interested. A heavy drizzle falling. In afternoon, the W.F.M.S., paid Mrs Lewis her wages, for August. Started men at building the last stretch of fence, far out on the prairie. Began a letter to son William. The "Möve" came in, from Ogowe, at 5.30.

Friday, Sept 6: A German man-of-war came in. Also, a French mail steamer, of Chargeurs Reunis. My foot very sore.

(Sept. 1895)

Baraka

Finished my letter to son William, & wrote one to his wife, and also one to my daughter Mary. Osuka-Kâkâ; with her husband and child, stopped to salute me, on their way back to the house at Nomba.

Sat., Sept. 7: Sent off my mail, for the French steamer that was to leave in the afternoon; and, during the morning, came in the English mail "Roquelle", with letters from Mary at Warriorsmark, Pa. Wrote a hasty reply to Mrs Todd. Also, acknowledged the Bill of Exchange, from Mr. Dulles. Entered up all my accts, for the week. Mr. Ibia arrived. Was disappointed that I cd. not have my street-lamps lighted to-night, as Otako had neglected to fill them. At evening English singing, only 2 present. While sitting at supper, Mrs Aveley came in, - I did not recognize her face in shadow, & did not give my usual welcome. This abashed her, & I felt ashamed that she shd. think I wd. slight her.

Sabbath, Sept. 8: Cloudy morning, but bright afternoon. In afternoon, just as we were going to church, Keya & Mrs Ernes brought word that, Mrs Lewis was in jail! It was astonishing! Ndongo, who a year ago had escaped from arrest, for introducing gun-caps (prohibited), &

who has ventured back, & not been apprehended, was reciting a lesson to Mrs Lewis, on her veranda. The police came to arrest him, - he escaped, - & they seized her, & jailed her! Immediately after church, I went there, with a number of Christian women, applied to the police, & after a little hesitation, he released her on ~~[illegible]~~ parole. Lighted street-lamps to night, for the first time.

Monday, Sept. 9. Getting supplies from the store, for Mr. Ibia's people, for their journey tomorrow; and, entering accts. The school-boys very noisy and quarrelsome. Several calls from men and women; Akera Governor came to me, about her sickness. In evening Prayer-Meeting, I spoke very plainly about Ndongo's offense, in its relation to good name of the church. This evening, began my revision of Genesis with Mr. Ibia; spent 2 hours on the first chapter.

Tuesday, Sept. 10. Anniversary of my first wife's death, and of my entrance into the Ogowe river. Sent paper early to Custom House, for Mr. Ibia's boat's journey. Messenger returned without permit, - trouble about navigation paper and the permit for passengers. Mr. Ibia went, and corrected the

difficulty: the matter annoyed me, as the officer wrote to me somewhat rebukingly; but, in the end, he was obliging, allowing the papers to be taken while yet they were not fully paid for. Sent the balance, in the afternoon. Mrs Lewis reported that the women were afraid to go to their plantations, ~~&~~ as there were reports of murders in outbush. Divided the seeds Mr. Chevalier had given me, into four parts; for distribution.

Wed'y Sept. 11th. Busy with ~~&~~ revision of Benga Genesis, with Mr. Ibia. In afternoon, Akera called again, in response to a note of mine yesterday; I had misunderstood about her sickness.

Thursday Sept. 12th. Revision of Genesis. Felt sleepy, from close application to transcribing the manuscript. A talk in evening, with Mr. Ibia, about the lack of sympathy of members of the Mission for the native ministers.

Friday, Sept. 13th. Busy all day, at the Genesis revision. Am becoming exceedingly wearied with the domestic cares of this house, and the neglects of servants.

Sat'y, Sept. 14th. Various jobs in morning, Called Karo to acct,

for his neglect of duty. In afternoon, at revision of Genesis. Very few at evening singing. Near noon, came a lad, from the other side of the river, with a letter from Anyentyuwe.

Sabbath Sept. 15. Cloudy morning, that cleared off soon, & warm afternoon. Good attendance at church; and unusually large Bible-Class. A quiet day, except that a Galwa clerk came intoxicated to church, in the evening, and was disorderly.

Monday, Sept. 16. A clear day; a shower of rain had fallen in the night. About 10. A. M., the "Lafayette" was seen, coming from Angom, & it brought letter from Mr. Marling. A Woermann steamer came in; also, a French frigate. In afternoon, I was able to walk to Woermann's, & to H. & C's, to inquire probable date of the German steamer to go north, in latter part of Nov. Have not felt energetic in the revision work to-day.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 } . Made no entry on 17. Revision, &
Wed'y " 18 } getting things ready for Mr. Marling. Sat up, late at night, making out the custom-house papers, for the "Lafayette." Rose unrefreshed, on the 18. Got the boat off, before noon. Unyĕngĕ rain.

Thursday Sept. 19th } Wrote letters, in morning. Mail came. A
Friday " 20th } very good letter from Mrs Todd; and, an unpleasant one from Secy Gillespie. Wrote also, in evening. In afternoon, at revision. On Friday, German steamer came in, letter from sister Bella, telling of Oranga leaving her. For the first time, in more than 2 weeks, was able to put a shoe on my right foot, & went to German Factory; to Mrs Ainsley's; to Madame Bizeti; to Bejerni's, & Lucina's. Caught Peter smoking to-day, & broke his pipe. The moon, that was new last night, visible to-day.

Saty, Sept. 21st. The German steamer, that started last evening, & anchored on the other side, was still in sight at 7. o'clk this morning. Prepared sermons for tomorrow, & made up accts for the week. Revising, in the afternoon. Just before evening-prayers, came Keya, Mrs Treeman, and Abiadina, & complained that Mr Ainsley would not let them take his sick wife to her aunt Abiadina's house near here, because the man Foster, with whom that aunt lived, had stolen from his (Ainsley's) wife, & Ainsley had put him in jail; and yet Abiadina was using A's wife's own house for her (Abiadina's) crazy

brother, a Mrs Truman had a big house, & she refused to tell the people with her to make room for the sick woman. I rebuked Abiadina sharply. After prayers, I went to Ainsley's, and offered him the use of the teacher's house. They accepted at once, and began to get ready to move. I came up to Keya's, and called her to come and put the room in order: sent Asëi & Yingë, to go to Mrs Ainsley's, and carry her goods here; spent an hour with Mr. Ibiá revising. At 9.30, went to the Teacher's house; Mrs A. had not yet come, but she arrived at 9.45; walking slowly with help at each side, saw her safely put to in her room; prayed with her; and came back here at 10. oclk. The "Môve". was advertised, to start for Ogowe, to-day at 5. P.M.; it started at that hour, but went 2 miles up this river and anchored there, — I do not know why.

Sabbath Sept. 22. Young Mr. McEwan came up early to church, thinking that the service was English. He looked quite sick, — enjoyed my lime-ade, — and returned to his house. An attendance of 14 at my Bible class, 2 new men, a Mr Williams, & Mr. Ellis. Visited and

prayed with Mrs Ainley twice. The afternoon, very hot about 2. P.M. Thermometer in sun 99°; (in the night had been down to 65°. Fah.). Unusually few at church in afternoon, - but there were 5 white men there, from H. & C's people, clerks Johnson, McEwen, & Collins, and, from the "Möve", engineer Whitely & Capt. Kerr. In evening Service, Awpãnlewe was present, with Ngwemka, whom I have not seen at church, "". I hear she is repenting of her errors.

Monday Sept. 23: At writing the revision notes, all morning, & with Mr. Ibia's noting in afternoon, sent delicate food to Mrs Ainsley, for dinner and supper. In the morning, had come the canoe-boy, who had brought the igowe from Angentyeni on Thursday, - the canoe was only now going back. Good prayer-meeting in the evening.

Tuesday Sept. 24. Writing revision during morning, Gave Bojiedi & Iveke no food at noon, for their absence from church & meetings. In the afternoon they resented, by not-coming to work, & Bojiedi did not ring the 3. P.M. bell till 3.30, & then was false & disrespectful about it. I punished them both, Putting out sets of plants, There

called to see me a Frenchman, who said he was a Protestant officer, on the French frigate; and we had a pleasant christian chat. Mrs Ainsley is able to eat ~~the~~ soup I send her daily.

Wed:y, Sept. 25 } Thursday " 26 } Immediately after ~~breakfast~~ morning-prayers, sent Adande, with 4 men in the "Evangeline", ~~to~~ across the Bay, to bring back Anyentyuwi. An hour later, mist & rain and a strong wind down river, ~~that~~ made me anxious about the boat. Was anxious for it all day. Expected it to return in afternoon, but it did not. Pressing on with revision of Genesis. The 26, also opened with rain; but it ceased at 8. A. M., & the day became beautiful. The "Evangeline" arrived at exactly noon. Had it housed at once. And Anyentyuwi, & after visiting her sick sister, came here later in afternoon, & ate with Oyongumo, & brought me some fish. Mr. Ibia & I are tasking ourselves to finish the Genesis by Saturday.

Friday, Sept. 27. The day April-like, in alternation of rain & sunshine. Revising. Mrs Ainsley somewhat better.

Baraka (Sept. 1895)

Sat'y Sept. 28th. Went with Mr. Ibia, in the "Evangeline", to the French frigate, to call on Mons Fuzier; found the ship busy washing decks. Stayed about an hour, & returned & visited the German Factory. A young Benga man came, to ask for work, as teacher in School. I was disposed to take him; but I heard that he was a disreputable character (on Mr. Ibia's statement), & I refused him. Completed the notes of the revision of Genesis with Mr. Ibia, in the afternoon. Very few at evening English singing.

Sabbath, Sept. 29th. A Transient steamer came in early, in morning, & went out in afternoon. It brought Ombago from Ogowe, on his way far to Batanga. Mr. Ibia preached for me, in morning; a good attendance. I preached in afternoon. A German steamer came in. A quiet pleasant day. The French steamer brought me an excellent [struck: steamer] letter from son William, for which I thanked God.

Monday, Sept 30th. To-night, am exceedingly tired; After 8. A.M. store, & a few jobs, left at 8.20, with Ombago; went to Mr. Gebauer's; found steamer not to go in one hour. Hasted to Plateau; on the way, met Anyandwi, and told her to go to Baraka & tell Kero to bring

Ombagai's box down to the beach, also a bundle of letters & papers for Batanga, wh. wd. be found on my bed, in my office. Hasted to the Plateau: started the Permit with M. Bezeul: then to Director of Interior, he was not in. Asked another chef to please to have the paper signed by the Director elsewhere. And, after telephoning, it was done in the Governor's room. With thanks, left, & hasted to the Douane. M. Rateau helpful. Then sent Ombagi on ahead. At the fish-market, was just too late to get fish. Back to Mr. Gebauer's, by 9.45. The steamer waiting for mail. Successfully accomplished! And, I was at Baraka by 10. A.M. But was exhausted, & did very little else.
In the afternoon, rain. From 2. P.M. to 4. P.M., busy in the store, with Mr. Ibia. Quite tired out. Rested: enjoyed my supper. A good Prayer-Meeting. Went to inquire after ~~Dr~~ Mrs Ainsly's health. Have made out the employes accts, for tomorrow pay-day. And now go to bed, for I am utterly fatigued.
<u>Tuesday, October 1.</u> The English steamer "Teneriffe" came in. Pay-day. Remondo, of Ovendo, came for pay; but, he has not been working where I had sent him; so, I

gave him no pay. Miss de Hailles of the Kongo, came ashore from the "Teneriffe", & stayed to dinner. Packing Mr. Ikia's goods. Escorted Miss De H. to the pier, to return to her steamer, at 3. P.M. Remondo, in the new arrangement for teaching here, broke all our agreement, & I dismissed him. Making out Mr. Ikia's accts for the quarter Aug – Oct. Am wearied with the neglects of my employes.

Wed'y, Oct. 2d. Heavy rain. Rainy Season fully come. Otoko did not appear. I rang the first bell at 6.10, in the rain; & the second at 6.30, still in rain. None came to morning-prayers. Looking all day for the "Lafayette", from Angom; it came finally, about 4.30, P.M. Arranging for Mr. Ikia's journey for tomorrow. Otoko came, but decided to leave, being dissatisfied. Some difficulty about a missing jug, which I suppose is down at Mrs. Ainsley's house.

Thursday, Oct. 3d. A bright clear day. Ikia started early, with preparations for journey to Corisco. The Douane made him open the boxes before he started.

The boat got off about 9. A.M. An unusual number of people at the Store-house, paying bills and orders. Alone, at dinner, till Anyentyuwe unexpectedly dropped in. Session Meeting, at 2.30 P.M., to choose a man for nomination, for election as third Elder. Making up acct.s to date. Felt feverish: have not felt so, for a long time. Mr. Fildes came, with a note of Mr. Marling's, for about $150.00 to be cashed. Very tired, and all alone.

Friday Oct. 4th. Wrote a long letter to son William. At noon, Mr. Ainsley came, to say good-bye, as he was going to Cape Lopez, for 2 months work. I asked him to obtain me a carpenter for Mr. Marling. Also, I spoke to him about his treatment of his wife. In the afternoon, I sent Asëi, with Ainsley to the Chargeurs Reunis, to bring me a box, wh. I had been informed, by letter from France, was sent to me. Was in Session-Meeting from 2. P.M. until 5. P.M. Received 3 for baptism, & restored one excommunicated.

Just as I was ready for close of work, came a messenger, from Mrs Ainsley, asking me to come and make go

away her uncle Ongan, who was annoying her for a loan of money, to escape being jailed, I went to drive him out, — but, when I arrived, he had gone. A beautifully clear moonlight.

Saturday, Oct. 5th A busy day, the morning full of jobs from point to point. Opened the box from France, & found it contained School-books, & silver spoons & forks, but do not know who sent them. A young woman, Oponda, brought one of my ducks & a broken basin of hers which she said the duck had broken, & acted and spoke very ugly about it; I doubted her statement, but promised her a new basin, — wh. I gave in the afternoon. Sent 2 large bread-fruit trees, to be planted near Laseni's house. At 3. P.M., until 5. P.M., Preparatory Service, then, for 1/2 hour, a Congregational meeting, to elect Igunwe Elder, & Tonië and Ongan (the church-member) deacons. Then, for another half-hour, a short Session-meeting, to arrange for the baptism of the old woman, Awentyani. Many jobs for many people, even on till supper time.

Sabbath Oct. 6th. A clear morning, with good audience; but

a rainy afternoon, but cleared off at 3.30, just in time for Communion Service: 4 adult baptisms (1 man & 3 women); 4 infants; 1 excommunicated woman restored; Iguwe ordained Ruling Elder; & Sonije & Ongâm, deacons; Kâwe suspended. Long and pleasant services. In evening, Monthly Concert on Persia. English steamer "Raquelle" came in, during the day.

Monday, Oct. 7th. H. & C. busy with the "Raquelle", & unable to get ready the things for Mr. Marling. Wrote a letter, very carefully worded, in reply to Dr. Gillespie's letter to me, about Anyentyuwe's employment in the Mission. In afternoon, went to see Orango-Johnson, at 3. P.M. He was dangerously sick with dysentery, for 3 weeks up river, & had just arrived 3 days ago. While I was there, a R.C. Sister-of-Charity came in. I thought she was on a spiritual errand, &, at first, I objected. Returned about 4. P.M. The "Lafayette" had arrived, from Corisco, & had had some little trouble with new Custom-house regulations. At 5. P.M., heard that Orango-Johnson was dead. Good prayer-meeting at night.

~~Wed'y~~ Tuesday, Oct. 8th. Expecting that Oranga's funeral w'd be in the morning, I deferred till the afternoon, a necessary visit to the Plateau, & did very little, - writing. Was amazed at the 2 men who came for shovels, wishing me to have my men dig the grave, and that I sh'd send the wagon to bring the coffin! I refused, as I want to teach these people to be self-reliant. Went to H. & C., to see about Mr. Marling's things, - his letter had not been read! Met Mr. Cockeburt, of the Ogowe, & was introduced to a Mr. Coutts of Sette Camma, who came up with me to this house; &, in conversation, said he was at Sette, at the time M. Augentyre was falsely accused of theft. Oranga's burial was at 3. P. M. A Mr. J. Laverty, H. & C's deposed captain of the "Möve", sent for me at H. & C's; he was sick, and wanted me to interfere for him with Mr. Hudson his Agent, who was, as he asserted, oppressing him, and refusing him medical assistance. I c'd give him sympathy, but did not interfere.

Wed'y, Oct. 9th. Went with Ivahe, to the Plateau. Made a very short call of welcome on the new Director

of the Interior, M. Le Bebillec: the Governor also happened to be in the room. Went with Ioche to the Chief [illegible], and inquired about regulations of boats going to and from Corisco. On the way back, stopped to see Akera Governor. At Wöermann's also, stopped to see Mr. Gebauer, who was sick. Made out, in French, the Declaration &c of Mr. Marling's goods, the list of wh., Mr. Filder had sent me at 1. P.M. It returned correct at 4.30. P.M. Also, a blank Declaration, for the box, wh. had come from France, last week, of books &c. A small Inquiry Class. Carpenter Williams came, to know the time of the journey to Angôm. A rainy night.

Thursday Oct. 10th. A very rainy morning; but, Ntyango started back to Angom, in the rain, about 9.30. A.M. Rain ceased at noon. In morning, went with the French box of goods, to H. & C., to have them help me with the Declaration. In afternoon, also went to have Mr. Pichault translate a letter I had received from the Postmaster, asking us to accept a subvention for carrying the mails to Bata. Clearing out Mr. Menkel's old kitchen, for the use of Mr. Ainsley.

Friday Oct. 11. A rainy showery day. When it cleared somewhat in the morning, I went with Ejanga to the Plateau; at Holts, for cloth for sister Bella; at Heyden's; to the Post-office; to Dannat, where I obtained for sister, agate-metal plates, a coffee-pot, chocolate, & cloth for towelling. Rain began again, but it ceased before I reached Brandon's, where they cashed me a Bill of Exchange, for £25. On to the market, & bought a piece of "ndanga" fish. Some young men, from Mina, across river, denounced their people for having refused a Bible-reader from me, more than a year ago. On to Holt's, got my cloth, & Mr. Stephen wanted me to stay to dinner; but I declined, & hasted on. Near Iyuwa town, rain began again. Reached home before 12; a successful morning. Planted rose-sets in afternoon. A Krooman had been cutting palm-nuts, on my premises, & I took the nuts from him. A very rainy evening.

Sat. Oct. 12th. Was 60 years of age yesterday. To-day, threatening weather; but, did not rain much. Finished repairing the old kitchen, of the lower house, for Mrs Ainsly's use.

Entering accts for the week, Sermon for tomorrow, &c. A singular accident to-day with the little ducks. The flour that was spoiled, I had thrown into their enclosure, - the rain made a stiff batter of it, - & two of the little ducks stuck fast in it, - one by its head, and one by its tail. The former would have been drowned, if I had not happened on the scene.

Sabbath, Oct. 13th. Threatening weather, in the morning, but it cleared off by church time: Small audience. Preached on "Stealing". After church, Ijili's question as to her right to use her husband's goods. Beautifully clear afternoon. At church, were several white men. And several Frenchmen who, had been at work on the "move", for the Government, stopped in for a few minutes. After church, I went to see and pray with Ikama. Also went to see Mrs Hincley, who is almost well. Heavy rain, in the evening. Omitted Church Services.

Monday, Oct. 14th. A few showers, and then a bright beautiful day. Wrote the final copy of my letter to Seig Gillespie. In afternoon, went to visit 4 sick people, Mr Truman, Eyagwey (Sonie's wife), Owanga (mother of Ngalye), and Anwe (wife

of Rekwange. On returning, found H. & C's boy awaiting me with the box of French books & silverware. Wrote to Rev. Dr. Craven, and to Cousin S. M. Hamill. M. D. A clear night.

Tuesday, Oct. 22d. Have made no entry for an entire week:– For several days, had bilious headache, & was unable to attend to my work. During that time, the employes were neglectful; even my cook & pantry boy, seeing that I ate nothing at table, abandoned me, &, when I needed them, were not within call. On Wed. 16th, was unable to attend the usual church Lecture. On Friday 18th before noon, came Otandi, by canoe with 3 men, letters from Mr. Marling for the mail, & a few orders to H. & C. On Sat. 19th, I was better; the mail from France was expected, but did not come. No English Singing, in evening. Ejanga was neglectful about the lamps. On Sabbath 20th, the French steamer came, in the morning, & went out in the afternoon. At noon, people in Akanda's village (the Government interpreter) began an Ivanga dance, with drum and singing. It annoyed me, for the Sabbath here, for some time, has been so quiet. At 3. P. M., sent a note to Akanda,

requesting him to stop. He sent back word, by Ejanga, that he w^d do so, (. But he did not: the noise kept on all afternoon). I rebuked Ejanga for having been there. A good attendance, at afternoon service. Mr. McEwen called on me, after church. On Monday, 21st, before 7. A. M., sent Asĕĕ for the mail, as Mr. Smaling's people wanted to get off home again. At 8.45. A. M., after a busy hour in the store, came Asĕĕ saying ~~that the~~ post-master said he had sent my mail yesterday, & ~~Asĕĕ~~ heard ~~that~~ Iveke had it, Iveke said he knew nothing of it. I was indignant at the detention of my letters; & started to the Post to complain, calling Asĕĕ, Ejanga, & Iveke, to accompany me. At the door, met the post messenger, Gabriel, with the package of mail! I declined to take it, & told him I w^d complain to his master. Went with Asĕĕ & Ejanga; but, after starting, was annoyed to find Iveke not with us, & had to send Ejanga back for him. Neither of them overtook me, & had to make my complaint to the assistant Postmaster, without interpreter. He called Gabriel, & rebuked him. Leaving

the office, met Ivoke & Ejanga coming, also met the Postmaster, Mons Dorthar. Spoke of my complaint, and returned with him to his office; & he sharply rebuked Gabriel; also, he spoke to me about wishing to engage the cutter "Mary Nassau", in Post-office work for Bata. Started home, telling the 3 men to go on, & I stepped into the Telegraph-office to salute Mons Etablier. Conversed; & returned here: Otandi waiting for mail, & the 3 men not yet arrived! When they came, I sharply rebuked Ivoke & Ejanga, & dismissed Ivoke for the day. Was very much depressed, & had a headache. Mr. Filder, of H. & C., sent up the things for Mr. Marling, & Otandi got off. In afternoon, went to tell my troubles to Mrs Hinsley. Later, went to inspect the workmen's spring, and found Ejanga defecating there! Was utterly disgusted with his misdeeds of these last days. The only comfort of the day, was a very good letter from son William. At night, Ainsley came to complain of his wife's temper, and a quarrel they had just had. A hard troublesome day. Heard a strange story of a person, from across the bay, who is here dancing, who claims

to be a woman, but who has the appearance & characteristics of a man. It seems to be a case of hermaphrodism.

Tuesday Oct. 22 } Rainy days. made no entry;
Wedy " 23 } On the 22, had a talk with Mrs Anisley, advising her that I thought she was to blame, in the matter of the recent trouble with her husband. And on the 23, she seemed dissatisfied that I had made some complaint against her. (On Tuesday afternoon, Mons. Etablier and Mr Hudson had made me a short call.)

Thursday Oct. 24 } No entry these days. Have not felt
Friday " 25 } energetic. On the 25, the German
Saty " 26 } steamer came, from north, & Anisley went on board for Cape Lopez. Onyenge, Mrs Anisley's son, came, from the R. C. School for the day, but ~~he~~ went back again, in the evening, & much to his mother's grief. Letters from sister Bella, Mr Ford, & Ngânde.
On Saty. the Portuguese mail came in; very small mail. Iveka's work very unsatisfactory these days; and especially to-day. In the evenings of this week, have been reading, to Anyentyuwe, Capt. King's "Soldier's Secret."

Sabbath, Oct. 27th. A bright clear day. Quiet; no drumming in town. Ejanga unsatisfactory, sleeping in the best chair in the sitting-room, when he ought to have been waiting on the table;- and neglecting the supply of drinking-water. After evening Service, by Ignwe, 6 of the Sierra Leone gentlemen asked me to bury one of their deceased friends, tomorrow: 14 of them had been at afternoon English service, & remained afterwards, to sing at the organ.

Monday, Oct. 28th } Tuesday " 29th } Wed.y " 30th } Thursday " 31st } Have made no entries. Have not felt well. English mail, from north, came with a large mail. Letter from daughter Mary. On Tuesday, went to Woërmann's, to say that Mr. Hazenkamp, by whom I sent letter & cacao-pods, 2 months ago to Batanga, had not delivered them. Also, to get refunded the $10. I paid, last June, for Mr. & Mrs Gacon's steamer passage to Cape Lopez, but wh. themselves had also paid. On Wed.y, after Inquiry-Class, went to Woërmann's & sold Bills of Exchange, for 2500 francs. On Thursday, English steamer came in, from south. Have had some bilious headache, all this week, with little appetite; but,

though having little energy, wrote a ~~???~~ letter to Mrs Robinson, of Freehold, N.J. & to Mr McComb of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa. Moonlight night.

~~Thursday~~ Friday, Nov. 1st
Sat'y " 2d
Sabbath " 3d
Monday " 4th

Nov. 1st a rainy day. Pay day. Only one workman in afternoon; all the others absented themselves. Sat'y 2d, the German steamer came in, from South, and went out, in afternoon. I sent a small mail to Batanga. And a large bundle of Mr. Marling's mail, to Angôm, by H. & C.'s surf-boat. Sabbath morning, it was discovered that 10 of my ducks had been stolen, from the fowl-house. Suspicion rested on the Bassa men, Peter & Joe. A rainy afternoon and evening. A French steamer entered the harbor. Monday morning, I observed mud track at my front door, & a dead frog laid there, as if a fetish, to some-how affect me. A bright clear day. H. & C. sent up about $400. dollars worth of Provisions and goods, ordered from England. Mr. Eddington, one of H. & C.'s clerks, called to see me.

Baraka (Nov. 1895)

Tuesday, Nov. 5th
Wedy " 6th
Thursday " 7th
Friday " 8th

Have made no entries.
On Wedy, was writing letters, for mail of the 7th. In the evening, just before Prayer-meeting, women came excited that Mâkâ-Pwase, the crazy man, had beaten, and driven out of her house, Mrs Truman: people complained to the police, & he was jailed.
News of many people dying of small-pox.
On the 7th, dismissed Benge, for disrespect.
On Friday, went, with 9 of my people, to Plateau, to the Doctor, to have them vaccinated. Went on to Daum to buy blank-books, for sister Bella. Came back with headache, & was not able to do any thing the remainder of the day.

Saturday, Nov. 9th
Sabbath " 10th
Monday " 11th
Tuesday " 12th
Wedy " 13th
Thursday " 14th

Have made no entries.
Weather has been variable and showery.
Increasing cases of small-pox.
A favorite female cousin of Augustus died of small-pox, across river.
On the 14th, I was unable to sit for writing or study, with an attack of piles.

Friday, Nov. 15th: Showery morning. Unpacked some of the fresh Provisions recently arrived from England. Did not feel vigorous: but, in afternoon, wrote a long letter to Miss Magdalene Waugner, of Newark, New Jersey. Dark night. Sat up late writing.

Saty, Nov. 16th
Sabbath, " 17th
Monday, " 18th
} Made no entry on Saty. A Marseilles steamer came in. On Sabbath, a clear bright day. But, news came early that Lasein's house had been broken into, while Anyentyuwe was away, and a great many of her things were stolen, particularly some very much prized relics of her mother. She was afraid to remain alone at night, & I sent Iveke & Bojédi, to sleep at her house. Another French steamer came in. A heavy rain, at night, while we were in church. Monday. When I went to bed last night, I was so impressed with thought of robbers, tho. I woke about 2. A.M., & dressed, & went, in the rain, to examine the doors of the storehouses. A bright warm day. Anyentyuwe sent me word that she was going to the Plateau, to report the robbery, and then to Nomba, with a policeman, suspecting some Fans. A very good

letter to-day, from Rev. W. S. Bannerman, in America.

Tuesday, Nov. 19. A clear bright day. Looked over, and marked some new clothing, from my supply that I brought from America. In afternoon, went to pay a bill at H. & C., and then to Woermann's. Had not heard anything more of the robbery of Anyentyuwe's house, till she came at 5. P.M, and remaining to supper, told a long and exciting acct. of the day's search, in the Fañ village at Nomba, & the recovery of some of the articles, & the arrest of 2 of the thieves. A Fañ chief had come, about noon to-day, with a note from her, for me to give him a reward of an order on factory, for his assisting catch another of the thieves. Observed the new moon to-night. Dark clouds; strong wind.

Wed. & Nov. 20 }
Thursday, " 21 } Heavy rain all morning. On going to Morning-prayers, saw the "Mary Nassau" at anchor, but out beyond the Guard-ship. Just after prayers, saw it again in motion; but it did not communicate with the Guard-ship, & it still lay at a long distance. As Mr. Menkel (the captain) did not come ashore, at 11. A. M., I sent a boat for

him: but, he awaited still the communication from the Port-doctor. Rain ceased about 3. P.M. It was then too late for Anyentyuwe, to go to Nomba, to search, with the police, for more of her stolen goods. After Inquiry Class, at 4. P.M., I went to Wöermann's, and exchanged Bills of Exchange for £50 sterling. Mr. Menkel arrived & sat up late, talking over the news with him. On Thursday, weather clear. Got some goods for Mr. Menkel, from storehouse. Letters from Batanga, from Mr. Ford, & Mr. Gault, and Sister Bella. Found ~~that~~ teacher Remondo was disobeying ~~t~~ my directions, not to go to Patiga's village, where there is small-pox: so, although he denied, I told him not to teach any more, till the disease disappeared from ~~the~~ village. Mr. Menkel left at 1.30. P.M. and by 2. P.M., was under weigh, with tide and a slight wind. Reading letters, and making memoranda for Batanga.

Friday, Nov. 22. Bright clear day. After breakfast, Remondo came, to plead to be taken back to his teaching: but, I had no time to speak. Went to

Plateau, with my people, for vaccination. Mrs. Ainsley accompanied. But, on the way, met many mothers returning with their babes, the vaccine matter being exhausted. Nevertheless, I went on with some of the boys; and, at Govt. Place, met the Doctor, who said the vaccine was done, & ~~that~~ I shd. return next Monday.

The Govt. Band playing at the ~~Bureaus~~ & Factories, for St Cecilia's Day. At Brandon's, met Madame Pecquer, recently returned from France. And, the leader of the Band, offered to repair my cornet. Exchanged Bill, at Brandon's, for 2500 francs. At Bettencourt's, tried to get lamp-chimneys, for Mrs Gault. Also, after returning here, with the money, went to Wöermann & H. & Co's ineffectually, for the chimneys. Had failed also at Holt's. In the afternoon, Elder Adande & Ignwe came to report their itinerations. Remondo also came, but had no chance to speak. He returned later, & plead; I put him off till tomorrow. Went to Mrs Ainsley's, and asked her advice whether I shd. restore him, & she advised me to relent.

Sat. Nov. 23d. Bright, clear day. Found the little red Girls School-house, very much eaten, by white ants.

Completed my sermons. Made up accts, for the week. Relented for Ramondo, and allowed him to resume his teaching. Fan, claiming to be father of the little Fan school-boy, came to ask for a written promise to give him a cloth occasionally,—but I gave him no encouragement. Gathering together articles, for my Batanga journey. Two persons came for evening English Singing; but I have given it up, as so few come.

Sabbath, Nov. 24. Very warm, in morning; threatening thunder in the up river distance. Rain fell before Sab. Sch. closed. Women began to scatter, making disturbance in the School. At close of the School, I spoke of the disorder. Anyentyuwi and Oyongumo at dinner. Just before afternoon Service, came the Sierra Leone people, Messrs George, Williams, & another man, & a lad, and a woman. Rain held off until after church. The table-boy, Azavani, was neglectful. Rain in evening, just as night-Service closed. Rainy night. An English steamer came in, from south (the "Matadi"?)

Monday, Nov. 25. A very busy day. Just after morning prayer, came a note, from the French Doctor, telling me

not to go to him to-day, as he wd. have no vaccine till the Portuguese mail came. Went to the Plateau, with Bojedi and Ejanga, to get their Permits, to embark for Benita next Thursday. Met the post-man, with letter from Ogowe, from Mr. Haug confirming news of death of Rev. Jacot, & asking me to send telegram to France, & to officially inform the Governor. Letters also from Mr. & Mrs Gacon, & from Point Agonjo. Went to Dumas, for cap & chimneys; I got the latter; also for cap to Durand; sent telegram; notified the Governor; for cap, to Brandon's; to Heyder's; to Bettencourt's; Bought fish at the market. Met Mrs Ainsley and Alédi, & told them to hasten to Brandon's, where Anyentyuwe & Oyenguno was awaiting them. To Holt's, for cap; Went to Bot. Garden, for cacao; to Johnson's; & to Bettencourt's (2d) for cap. To Woermann's, for same. At H. & Co's, got one, not satisfactory. In afternoon, after dinner, got material for Anyentyuwe, to make me drawers. Sent Iveke, with money to pay for the telegram, & $50. silver, to be changed at Holt's, for gold, & to get Portuguese mail, & the cacao pods.

Did not do much work, in afternoon: was tired with morning's work. An important letter, from Mr. Todd

in response to one of mine, in wh. I had asked advice, about my position in the Mission, and the enemies undermining me.

Tuesday, Nov. 26th. Had Ainsley assist me, in writing a letter in French, to the French Doctor, asking him to compel the natives to separate their small-pox patients. Bushnell sent for spades, as a loan, to bury the woman who died yesterday of small-pox in Retiga's village; but, I refused to allow the tools to be handled by those who had been near the disease. Wrote my final copy of my paper, for the Mission Prayer-Meeting, on "Fellowship with God". Did not do much, in afternoon. A warm day. Doctor Paquier came, to talk about the cases of small-pox. No signs of the "Mary Nassau" in sight.

Wed'y, Nov. 27th. At 6. A.M., the "Mary Nassau" was seen, a few miles up-river, & it anchored by 7.30 A.M. Sent Iveke off, to meet it. And, two hours later, Mr. and Mrs Marling & their babe came. I had expected to go to Plateau, for vaccination, understanding that the Doctor wished me to, — but Ejanga, who had interpreted yesterday, said that the Doctor had said

he would come here. So, I did not go. Doctor did not come; think Ejanga was mistaken. Busy at errands. Mr. Gebauer sent word that the German steamer could not take us, as quarantine had been declared. Plans about trying to board the steamer from the "Mary Nassau", outside at sea; but finally decided to go to Batanga all way, in "Mary Nassau". After Inquiry-Class, had the "Lafayette" loaded. Many things to be gotten ready for the journey to Batanga.

Thursday Nov. 28th
Friday " 29th
Saty " 30th
Sabbath Dec. 1st
Monday " 2d
Tuesday " 3d
Wed'y " 4th
Thursday " 5th

On 28th, Gathering together clothing &c, for the journey to Batanga.

On 29th. Made final arrangements: had Mr. Ainsley go to the Plateau, and find out the meaning of a summons to pay, at the Govt. Treasury, a bill for Milk from Hospital, which I had never applied for, and had never received. Discovered ~~that~~ it ~~had~~ been ordered by by the French Prot. Ogowe Mission. ~~Getting~~ Permit from Plateau, for passengers on "Mary Nassau". At

1.30, P.M., sent down men, to get the boat out, and commenced sending down baggage. At 4. P.M., Anyentjavě came, to receive my final directions & the keys. At 4.30, we started to the beach. Mr & Mrs Ainly also accompanied, to see us off. Reached the cutter, with tide turned down, and started the cutter, at 5.30 P.M. without wind. Drifted out, with but little wind. At midnight, were just outside the Cape Clara, & tide turning, & there still being no wind, we anchored. On. 30th. Started again, at 6. A.M., with moderate wind, which increased; and, by sunset, we were off Cape St John. Vomiting frequently; could eat nothing. At night, variable winds, and threatening storm. Twice, took down sail; and, at 3. A.M., anchored, fearing the strength of the wind. I went into the cabin to escape rain.

On. Dec. 1st, at 3. A.M., supposed we were passed the Benito river, But, at 6.30 A.M., saw we were south of it, opposite Nume. At 7. A.M., started again, with good wind. Was

able to eat some food. Could not take part in the religious services. At 4. P.M., anchored at Bata. Mr. Gauntel went ashore, taking mails, & the passenger, Mr. Thomas, the Sierra Leone carpenter. He went to the English Factory, Mr. Ford., & there a messenger for the mail, from the French post, met him, for the mail. And, he sent back a canoe, for the 2 Kombe lads, Bajedi and Ejanga. At 8. P.M., he returned with a piece of goat-meat, fresh, - news that the German steamer was still south of us, - & that Mr. Ingonga with boat "Willie" was there, - & that a Kombe man, Olavenga, was there, and would take the 2 lads next day to Benito. Good sea that night. On Dec. 2', light land-wind all morning. Light sea-breeze began late in afternoon. About noon, off Campo river, the German steamer passed us. At night, a good wind, and moonlight. Approaching Batanga, guessing at locality of the light we saw. Anchored at 9.30. P.M. Had blown the fog-horn. But, wind changed from shore, just as we anchored. Waited, wondering why no

one came for us. Mr. Menkel & I started ashore in "Mary ~~Ha~~ Nassau's" ~~little~~ boat. But, meeting Mr. Ford coming, we turned back. Loaded a part of baggage, &, with Rev & Mrs Marling & babe, & self, & Atyang, landed safely. Met, on beach, by Rev Mr Gault, - Mr. Hickman, Mr. Bates, - & ~~Mr~~ Prosant. Started to the house with Mr. Hickman, & met Miss Christensen, and Mrs Gault. Ate lunch at Mrs Gault's, & left, with promise ~~th~~ my clothes should be sent next day, before 10. A. M. Left at 11.30. P. M, and reached sister Bella's at midnight. Ate another lunch, & sat up till 2. A. M., talking news, & Mission matters. Tu. Dec. 3: Waiting all morning for my baggage to be sent, so ~~th~~ I could dress for the 1. P. M. Wedding-dinner, of Rev Mr. Schwatz's marriage, wh. had taken place at sea, in the boat, in the morning. The boxes did not arrive till 2.30. P. M., when I supposed the Dinner was over. Leisurely opened one box. At. 3. P. M., opened the other, and found Mr Schwatz's note ~~th~~ they would wait for me till 3. P. M. Too late!

then, I sent another messenger, asking for others of my baggage containing shoes, hats, & drawers. The messenger returned with note from Mr Gault saying that, at 5. P.M., they were still waiting! It was again too late to go; though I heard afterward that, had I gone, even then, I wd have found them waiting; for, they ate finally at 6. P.M. All the fault of their not sending me my clothing in the morning! But, — the smell of the dead still with me. On Dec 4th. went up to Efikefike, by 9. A.M. Paid visits to Mr & Mrs Schnatz, — met Revs McCleary, & Rev. & Mrs Johnston. Told them of Mr Jacot's death. Gave Gabon news to Mrs DeHeer, Reutlinger, and Christensen. Went to Mr. Ford, to see about money matters. He began to ask about something I had said against him at Gabon, in my talk with Mr. Marling. This opened the old sore, and I determined it should be probed. But settled business first, — was to be called, in the afternoon, when Mr. Ford was reading. Stayed to

dinner, at Mr Gault's. After dinner, played logomachy with Mrs Gault, Mrs DeHeer, Miss Christensen, & Mr Hickman, for 2 hours, and won a hard fought victory. Went to look at Mrs Schnatz's pretty Wedding-Gifts. Went to Mr Ford, at 4. P.M. Had a long hard talk, for 3 hours, & was getting matters arranged somewhat peaceably, when Mr Ford admitted a certain thing that he had done against me, in writing to Secy Gillespie against me, that aroused my indignation, and I broke off the conference. He offered to retract that letter, but I was so hurt I left, - went to Mrs Gault's, supperless, - said good evening to them, and arrived, hungry & tired & distressed, at Sister's, by 9. P.M. Told my story, - got her sympathy. - Ate lunch. Returned at 10. P.M. Opened some packages which Mr Ogden had sent, & found Mrs Schnatz's Wedding-Cake, & an autoharp, a present from Miss Lulay, of Lawrenceville, N.J. Lay awake a long while, trying to feel reconciled to Mr. Ford. Was aided to do so.

Batanga (Dec. 1895)

On Dec. 5: Went, for 9. A. M. begining of Religious meetings preceding Mission-Meeting. Met Mr Ford, & called him "Brother". Meeting presided by Mr. Marling. My Paper on "Fellowship with God", & Mr Kerr's remarks. Paper by Rev. Johnston on "Xtian Communion": & remarks by Mrs. Ford. Dinner at Mr Gault's. Met again: Address by Mr Roberts on "Spirit's Work": & remarks by Rev. Mrs Gault. Paper on "Heroism of Missions," by Rev. Fraser; & remarks by Rev. Hickman. Mr. Marling almost spoiled matters by dragging in his Millenarian ideas. After meeting closed, I had a short talk with Ford, & we were reconciled. Did not remain until evening-meeting of Praise, but returned, with Miss Babe, to Sister's.

Friday, Dec. 6: Rose with some headache; but went to the Station, to the religious meeting: Papers read by Rev. Marling, commented on by Mr. Ford, — and paper by Sister Bella; commented on by Mrs Reutlinger. Returned to Bongahile, to dinner; Mr. & Mrs Ibia had arrived. An enormous sea-turtle, of the ndiwa kind. At 3. P. M., a union prayer meeting

in Batanga church, of missionaries and native Ministers and Elders. Most of the missionaries remained for evening Presbytery, and lunched a social tea with sister. Sermon, in evening Pb'y, by Rev. Gault, Rev. Fraser elected Moderator. Slight showers at night.

Sat. 7, Dec. 7 } Went to the Station, in morning, and
Sabbath " 8 } attended Meeting of missionaries for special objects of prayer. Then, Mission-Meeting was organized. On election for chairman, on first ballot, there Ford 4, Nassau 4, scattering over four others 7. One of the scattering withdrew, leaving five candidates. On second ballot, Ford 7, Nassau 8... and Mr. Ford moved it to be unanimous. Adjourned Mission till Monday morning. Mr. Schnatz asked me to conduct Service at Bongo-hile. Spent afternoon in preparation. At noon dinner with sister, she had Rev. & Mrs Ibia, Rev. & Mrs Itongolo, Rev. Myongo, & Rev Etyani & Licentiate Ngânde. I retired to bed early. Heavy rain at night.
On Sabbath morning, showers still continued. People late to church. Rev. Itongolo with me, in the pulpit.

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Rev. Schnatz & Rev Johnston the only missionaries from the Station. Felt free in speaking in the pulpit. In afternoon, Mr. Schnatz led Sab. Sch., He has learned Benga very rapidly. Mr. Ikoi conducting evening service. After Sab. Sch., Mrs Gault's assistant cook, while in Sisters' Kitchen, was seized with a strange attack of shaking.

Monday, Dec. 9th } Off to the Station, Stopped at the
Tuesday " 10th } room of the 3 Benita ladies, to consult with them about Benga orthography for the Benga M.S.S. I am to revise. Began my work of chairmanship of the Mission. In afternoon, the Presbytery. On the 10th. Heavy thunder during the night. Heavy rain in morning. Cloudy all day. The discussion as to the admission of Rev. E. L. Bates to our Mission. Afternoon Presbytery. Important discussions on Inquiry Class. Sat up late, writing for Mission and Presbytery.

Wed., Dec. 11th. No headache. Clear day. Walked to the Station, after busily writing accts. and reports. On the way, many women fishing with their clothes the small 2-inch-long fishes in the sea.

A very interesting and exciting series of discussions, on the appointment of new missionaries. Walked back, on the forest path. In afternoon Ply, Mr. Ibia, Vice-Moderator, in Rev Fraser's absence. At night, I did not go to public meeting, but remained, to write up minutes and reports.
Thursday, Dec. 12th. I had sat up till near midnight, last night, writing an appeal to the Board for the retention of Gaboon station. A good mission-meeting. Usual afternoon Ply. Discussion about Mr. Marling's unusual action, in baptizing a person, but not allowing her to come to Table of Lord's Supper. Was so weary, in evening, that I did not go out to the Church Meeting, but went early to bed.
Friday, Dec. 13th. At the station, for Annual Meeting, as usual. Excellent feeling among the missionaries. I was appointed to Gaboon with Mr. Ogden. Sister Bella appointed to teach the Theol. Class. Took dinner at Mr. Roberts. Settling accts. with Mr. Ford. Delayed, after meeting, to consult Mr. Gault, about wages of my assistant in translation, - Mr Ogden about Bolaki,

and Mr. Fraser, about having the Lord's Supper celebrated for our Mission Meeting. It was late, when Miss Babe and I walked the bush-path to Sister's house, and found her eating supper alone. Was tired, but went to evening Service led by Rev. Nyongo.

Sat. Dec. 14th. Woke with a sick-headache, wh. increased all day, & wh. was not relieved by coffee, dieting, ammonia, mustard, soda-mint, caffein, quinine, acid phosphate, calomel pill, Eno's fruit-salt, & purgative pill. The chief relief, in the afternoon, was obtained by vomiting, induced by sticking my finger down my throat. But, all the other medication had its effect, early next morning, in a free fecal passage, and the congestion was relieved.

Sabbath, Dec. 15th } Rose free from headache, but weak
Monday, " 16th } from the pain of yesterday. At church, Mr. Ibia preached; a number of the missionary ladies were present, Mrs Ogden, Mrs Schwartz, and others. Did not go to Sab. Sch., in afternoon, but prepared my thoughts for conducting the Table of Jesus in the evening. After an early

supper, with Sister Bella, Miss Babe, and some of the Elders of Pb'y, went to the Station; arranged with Mr. Gault about the order of Hymns &c, he to distribute the Bread & I the Wine. A very touching evening Service. On the way, in the forest-path, we had met 3 German officers of the gun-boat lying off the coast. We returned by the forest-path, after Service.

On Monday, early to the Station, and had an arrangement with Mrs. Ogden, about her coming to Gaboon. A variety of mission resolutions, about the Inland work, and Angom. In Pb'y, in afternoon, several discussions, about Records of the Church Sessions, - and Baptism, - and Divorce, - and about licensure of Edowa. After Pb'y, Mr and Mrs. Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs Johnston remained to tea with Sister Bella.

Tuesday, Dec. 17th } Mission Meeting, in morning; & Pb'y in
Wed'y " 18th } the afternoon, Pb'y adjourned. German steamer at anchor, on its way south.

On the 18th. Mission Meeting, both morning and afternoon. Question of the coming of Negro assistant missionaries

from America. Decided opposition to their coming!!
I think a wicked color-line!

Thursday, Dec. 19 }
Friday, " 20 }
Sat'y " 21 }
Busy days at Mission Meetings. The Am. Negro missionary question up again on Thursday A.M., & decided in negation. Ayes 4 Revs Fraser & Schnatz and Miss Nassau and Babe. Nays 10 Mr. & Mrs Gault, Mr & Mrs Marling, Mrs Ogden, Mrs Ford, Mr Reutlinger, Mrs DeHeer, Miss Christensen, Mr Kerr.
Sat up late Thursday night writing the final copy of my Letter to Bd, against the abandonment of Gaboon.
On Friday, had a headache. Did not go to evening Prayer-meeting at the Station, but remained at the church Prayer meeting, at Bongahile; but did not feel comfortable, & left the church to go to bed.
On Sat'y. Final meeting of Mission in morning. Remained to dinner with Mrs Gault. Mrs Roberts still sick. Taking of our photographs by Mr. Schnatz in afternoon, & delays connected with it, which prevented my going to an excursion, on the Lobi river. Returned to sister's house, - packed some of my boxes, & sent two to Mr. Boughan's

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Factory, to be ready for the coming of the English steamer expected daily.

Sabbath, Dec. 22: Rose with a headache; but went to church. Several of the missy ladies and gentlemen there. Rev. Fraser preached. I was barely able to sit out the service, with my headache. Had eaten no breakfast; ate no dinner. Sat by myself in my room, hiding light from my eyes, & did not go to Sab. Sch. Mrs Marling & Mr. Schwatz also rested in the house. In evening, sang with sister & Miss Babe; but ate no supper, & did not go to church. Glad the steamer did not come to-day.

Monday, Dec. 23: In good health again. There came, visiting sister from the Station, Mesdames De Heer, Ogden, and Reutlinger and Miss Christensen. I think they came with some thought about either Miss Babe's going on furlough, or the matter of the Mission's refusing to receive American-Negro associates. They spent the morning here, but did not remain to dinner. Threatening sky: a slight rain, in afternoon. Did not go on the proposed Excursion to the Lobi river. In afternoon, wrote

draft of a long letter to Sec'y Gillespie, about his last letter permitting me to return to America, & about mission-meeting. No steamer yet in sight. Children, in afternoon practising hymns for Christmas. Sat up late at night making final copy of my letter to Dr. Gillespie. ——

Tuesday, Dec. 24th. Did not feel energetic, after late sitting up last night. Trimmed one of the mango trees; closed some letters. Went to Mr. Brougham's, to inquire steamer probabilities. In afternoon, went to the Station, to leave with Mrs. Gault my gold butterfly, to be taken to son Charles for his marriage. Visited the missionaries; Mr. Kerr walked back with me most of the way. A game of logomachy, in evening, with Sister & Miss Bobs.

Wed'y, Dec. 25th. No steamer. Mr. Schnatz, with most of the missionaries, came to a 9.30. A.M. Christmas Service in the church; and Mr. & Mrs. S. remained, on invitation, to Sister's Christmas Dinner with her goose. In afternoon, preparations for magic-lantern in evening; the five played logomachy. In evening, for an hour, the Lantern with Scriptural subjects, Mr. McCleary;

Mr. Kerr, & Miss Christensen, came from the Station, with Mr. Kerr's Bule people, to see the lantern. During the day, bought a handsome white felt broad-rimmed hat from Mrs Roberts.

Thursday, Dec. 26: Did not feel well; a cold in the head and through my body: felt very stupid; did little, but read, & helped Sister Isabella, with some Benga translations. Felt better, in afternoon, and walked with Sister, to call on King Bobolo; but, seeing that he had a company apparently for a feast, we turned away. Went to call on King Madola, & found him at home.
In the evening, a game of logomachy with Sister & Miss Babe.

Friday, Dec. 27: No steamer. Sent to Mr. Brougham's, and got one of my boxes I had sent there last Sat'y, & got out Presbytery documents, and spent the day in writing. Felt better than yesterday. A short heavy rain-storm, in the evening; nevertheless Mr. Schnatz kept his appointment for church service.

~~Thursday~~ Saturday, Dec. 28.
~~Saturday~~ Sabbath, " 29.
~~Sabbath~~ Monday, " 30.

} Early in morning of Sat'y the "Roquelle" arrived, from the north. Did not suppose it wd. leave before noon, so I

was in no haste. At 8.30, I happened on an errand to the German Trading-house, & saw a note from the Capt. of the steamer saying he was going at 9. A.M. Anxious to get on board, and the trader offered me his boat that was in the water, I hurried back to sister's, made her good-bye, got my small luggage, & was soon back at the German house & in his boat, & sent word, by Ombagas, for my 2 boxes at Holt's (Mr. Brougham's) to come with him, in Mr. B's boat (by previous arrangement). On reaching the steamer, found several of the missionaries there, but that the steamer d. not leave for some hours. Rev. Mr. Verner, of the Southern Presb. Bd., going to the Kongo, with a Negro associate, Rev Mr Phipps. Steamer started at 11. A.M. Reached Bata at 5. P.M. The "Willie" was there from Benita. And the agent of Holt's (Ford) loaned them also one of his boats, for Mr De Heer, Mr Reutlinger, Miss Christensen, & Mr. & Mrs Roberts, to go on that night. Ford also agreed to send a letter for me, by boat to Mr. Gankel, to tell him to hasten on to Eloби, as the "Regaille" wd not go into Gaboon. Steamer went on at

night. Reached Eloi island before noon of Dec. 29. I had a bad sick-headache all day, and ate nothing but some beef-tea. Mrs Ogden & Mr. Verner was attentive & thoughtful, to try & relieve me. By 3. P. M., the ship's boat took me ashore, with my luggage, to the Trading-house of H. & C. (Mr Stokes), where, free from the sea, my head began to feel better. Mr Stokes was very hospitable & kind. Some 13 white people sat down to table for supper. On the 30th, got out my Presbytery documents, and spent the day in transcribing the minutes into the record-book. Messrs Reisper and Whitaker arranging for their journey overland to Gaboon, for tomorrow morning. In the afternoon, came in an English steamer (Niger?) from the south. It had come from Gaboon. But, it left immediately, as there was no freight ashore. The German steamer emerged from the Muni river, and went out of the Bay. In the evening, one of the clerks, Mr. McClear, played and sang on the harmonium, some very nice songs.

Tuesday, Dec. 31st. Still waiting at H. & C.'s (Mr. W. G. Stokes.) Mr. Whitaker and Mr. S. O. Reisper, leaving

their baggage, to come with us on the "Mary Nassau", started with boat to the Muenda river, to walk overland to Gaboon, I entertained some thought of going with them, but concluded to remain.

Wed. Jan. 1st 1895. By arrangement, the young clerk, Mr. J. W. Dixon, whose room I was occupying, woke me at 11.45, & I dressed to see the firing of the 2 small brass cannon and ringing of the house bells, to welcome in the New Year. At the same time, there was heavy thunder and lightning. Mr. & Mrs Marling also rose, & we sang some hymns with the 4 gentlemen of the G. Trading-house. But I caught a cold, & went to bed again at 1. A. M. After breakfast, Mr. Marling held, with Mr. Stokes permission, a New Year service, using the Episcopal Prayer-Book. I did not enjoy the service, as I can not chant, nor do I like the many short prayers and repetitions. Wearily waiting for the "Mary Nassau". In afternoon, Mr. Stokes went over to Elobi, to pay his quarterly tribute to the Spanish Government. In the evening, Mr. McClean, gave me music on harmonium

Ukâkâ Beach (January 1896)

Thursday, Jan'y. 2'	Have made no entries for these
Friday " 3'	three weeks. Have not been so
Sat'y " 4'	driven by business, & wearied
Sabbath " 5'	daily, as I have this month, for
Monday " 6'	2 years past:–
Tuesday " 7'	On Jan'y 2', still anxiously looking
Wed'y " 8'	and wondering, at the delay of
Thursday " 9'	the "Mary Nassau", Decided to walk
Friday " 10'	overland, Asked Mr. Stokes, who
Sat'y " 11'	directed his clerk Mr Kinder, to
Sabbath " 12'	engage me a canoe & crew.
Monday " 13'	Made preparations; packed
Tuesday " 14'	my baggage, to be left for the
Wed'y " 15'	"Mary Nassau"; prepared food; Mr.
Thursday " 16'	Kinder was very attentive.
Friday – " 17'	On Jan, 3'. Was up early & ready,
Sat'y " 18'	& a hasty breakfast eaten, by
Sabbath " 19'	6. A.M. The crew did not come
Monday " 20'	till after 7. A.M. Saw, in the
Tuesday " 21'	distance, off toward Cape St John,
Wed'y " 22	the "Mary Nassau"! But, wind and tide

were going out. So, I knew the "Mary Nassau" c^d. not get in before afternoon. At 7.30 A.M., I started, in the canoe, with 4 men (the leader's name Ngonja) having only a bundle of change of clothing, coat, rug & rubber blanket, — a tin of food, & a precious package of 100 letters, from Batanga carefully tied in oil-cloth. After going a short distance, the 3 men stopped to pick up the 4th, — and farther on, they stopped to get a sprit for their sail. I feared they w^d. prove frequent stoppers, but my fears were not realized. Reached the Donbo Custom-House, at 8.40 A.M., — stopped to salute the Frenchman, for 10 minutes. Went on; Enjoyed the smooth canoeing. Day, not hot. Admired the coral and sea-plants red & white & green among the enormous reefs of Rock, at the right bank of the Munda River mouth. Pulling on toward Bolakobwe, where I once visited, with Rev W^m. Clemens, 34 years ago. Entered the mouth, at noon, with the tide turned up. No sea-breeze came; my crew were disappointed ~~that~~ they could not use their sail, & they did not pull heartily.

I had a low stool, on wh. to sit; but my back was constantly concussing with the edge of the thwart of of canoe. I tried to soften it with my ~~coat~~ overcoat; but, the edge still was felt as a thin hard object. Had eaten dry cracker & potted ham, as a sandwich. Felt no thirst. Began to have some headache. Reached the French Custom-Post, on an island, in the Munda, at 5.30, P.M. Tide almost out; Stopped at the Frenchman's, for 15 minutes, to get water, & to salute. He invited me to stay; said Mess. Rieper and Whittaker had slept there. Said I c'd. reach the river's end, by 9. P.M. So, I bade my people pull on, - wh. they did unwillingly, because they had no food. Soon met Fang canoe, & bought iguana. Pulled on. Night came: clear, but dark. Moon rose later. The crew did not pull hopefully against tide. (I had better waited 6 hours at the post.). At. 10 P.M., in moonlight, stopped among the mangroves, & allowed the crew to rest till midnight. Ate some sandwiches & chewed tea-leaves. My head-ache better, but my back exceedingly tired. Canoe too wet to lie

down in, & my whole body was aching. Not knowing how distant the river's end was, still hoped to reach Gaboon by daylight. At midnight, pulled on. Entered a branch coming into the Munda, on its left bank, from the South. At 3. A.M. of Jan. 4", my crew stopped wearied, at a small village of their people, Mbiko. (Had passed the boat returning from their journey of taking Messrs Reeper & Whittaker). Was at first displeased; for, though the river was now very small, we were not at its end. Ngonja explained he was not deceiving me, - wd. hire 2 men to start again with me, at daylight, as this was the last Mbiko village, & the canoeing by daylight wd. be only a short distance. Took some while to arouse the villagers. Bargained for 2 guides, each for 5 yds cloth & a small present. Laid down in the village street, on my rubber blanket; but, Ngonjo called me "Paia", & found a bedstead, on wh. I laid down at 4. A.M., & slept for 1 hour. At 5.30 rose, & got the villagers to warm me some water, with wh. I made some tea, & with dry

crackers, & a few words of instruction about God, started at 6.30. A.M. Stopped at a Fang village, for my guide to make some inquiry. With full tide reached the end of the stream, & landed on a dry grassy prairie. Gave my crew gifts of some cash (their wages were to paid at Ukaka Beach). Kneeled in prayer & said good-bye, with good feelings. And, at exactly 7. A.M. started with the 2 guides rapidly across the prairie, & through a good forest path. Had often heard of the "overland" Munda path ~~as~~ it was very bad & muddy. There is another path, a bad one; mine was very good. Wondered ~~as~~ I c'd walk so well after so little sleep, & 18 hours tired in the canoe. Probably was excited, & was putting my energies on a stretch.

At exactly 7.30 A.M., emerged on to the Gaboon beach, several miles below ~~the~~ Libreville, by mouth of the little stream Gege. The tide was rising, & it wet my feet. Turned into the road past the deserted hospital. New villages I had never seen, of Mbiko, Shikiani, and Benga. Emerged again, near the beach by Awondo. Sent word to

the Aŵwondo church-members, of my arrival. (Name of the chief of my 2 guides, Kangani.). One heel began to be chafed, & I sat at the Daumas boat-house, to change my ~~sto~~ socks. Several men recognized me, & wondered at my having walked from the Mundo.

Stopped at the Post-office, to buy $5. worth of stamps, with wh. to stamp the 100 letters. Saw the "Lafayette" going out the river with wind & tide, supposed it was going for me!!! Fortunately, met Bushnell & hastily engaged him, at a good reward, to pursue the boat & order it back. (Anyentyuwi had done well to tell Isake to go this journey, as they supposed I was in straits at Elobi.) Came on, and turned aside to Anyentyuwi's, to get the Baraka key; but, she was at Baraka preparing the house. Adande & others, at Anyentyuwi's, surprised to see me. At Baraka, by 10.30 A.M., Sent Mr. Stokes letters at once, to Mr. Hudson. People came to welcome me. Held Preparatory Service, at 3. P.M. Not many present; though the Service had been announced, people did not know of my arrival. Sat up late, at night, weighing & stamping the letters. Heard of

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Ainsley's abuse of his wife, and insults to Anyentyuwe.
His wife had already left the house I had allowed them on these premises, so I was saved the appearance of sending her out. But, needing the house for Mr. Menkel, I told Ainsley when he came to see me, a few days later, to remove his things. On Jan. 5. Had Ignwe preach, in A.M. — I led Sab. Sch. and held Communion, in afternoon. In evening, told the Monthly Concert meeting the story of my intention to have left Gaboon, but my decision to stay, under the improved feeling of the Mission toward me. Sat up late, looking for the coming of the "Mary Nassau". At 8.30, sent Kwo to look for it; he did not return. At 9. P.M. saw a strange light. At 9.30, went to the beach, — saw Mr. Hudson; he said the light was the "Mary Nassau". Got his Kroomen to go take one of my 2 boats, wh. I had ready at anchor. But, their chains were fouled with an old anchor, & only the 4 men c^d not get them up. Mr. H. called all his Kroomen, & got out his surf-boat. A long delay. Landed Mr & Mrs Marling & Mrs Ogden by 11. P.M. Mrs O. quite sea-sick. Retired

after midnight. On Jan. 6th, busy landing the goods of Mr. & Mrs Marling, Mrs. Ogden, myself, and Messrs Kiefer and Whittaker, & going through the Custom House. Since then, I do not remember exactly. Was very busy, & very tired, not having rested from my canoe-journey. Two days I was sick in bed, with chill; wh., I think was more nervous exhaustion than malaria. One of those days was Jan. 7th or 8th; and Mr. Marling conducted evening Prayer-meeting, in my absence. Another day was Jan. 9th or 10th. On Jan. 10th, Mr. Menkel, with Rev. Bates, started, with the "May" "Nassau" up river to Nengenenge. On Jan. 12th, I still being weak, Mr. Marling preached for me, in the morning (I present); I preached, in afternoon; & Igweve in evening. On Jan. 13th the chief of Ovendo came unexpectedly for Igweve, and I sent him, to stay again at Ovendo. The Marlings busy, buying and packing. They went twice to Plateau, with the wagon, shopping at all the Factories. On one day of last week, I had gone with Messrs Marling and Bates, to call on the Governor; & while there, was seized with a chill.

On Jan. 15th (I think it was) Mr. Menkel returned, with the

Mary "Nassau". On Jan 16th, Anyentyuwe here, sewing for Mrs Marling. On Jan. 17th, Great haste and confusion, getting all the goods of the Marlings packed and sent off to the vessel: they expected to get off at 1 P.M., with the first turn up of tide, & with sea-breeze. They did not start till 3. P.M., – with tide, but wind against them. A great sense of reaction, after the strain of the previous 2 weeks. The premises beginning to look in some order again, since their being overgrown, during my Dec. absence. New photographs from ^daughter Mary.

On Jan. 18th, French mail came. On Jan. 19th, I preached, morning & afternoon. Good audiences. ^Elder Myongo held the evening service. On Jan. 20th. Sent the mail. [During one of the previous days, – I think it was the 6th or 7th, Mrs Jacot, widow of Rev. M. L. Jacot, was ashore, from the home-going French steamer, with her two little boys, Edmund and Roger.].

On Jan. 21st. I succeeded in entering, up to date, all the items from my blotter, into their respective acc.ts, since the last day of Nov.

Wed. 7 Jan. 22d. To-day, intended to have gone to Plateau,

to pay Customs dues, and to cash Bills of Exchange; but, rain came, just as I was ready to go, after attending to store-house, at 8. A. M.. A woman, Ouuka, one of Kabinda's daughters, had asked me yesterday for cocoa-nuts, & I had assented, on condition that she got some one to climb, of ~~her~~ her own people. She came this morning & lied to Iwake that I had said one of my workmen sh^d^ climb for her. So, I refused to give her any at all. Mrs Ainsley came, to take away her things from the lower house; I helped her with men & wagon, and allowed three of her trunks to go into the iron Depot-Store.

Wrote up this diary, to date. In ~~after~~ late morning, went to Wöermann's, & sold £75. of B. of Exchange. In afternoon, Inquiry-Class; and preparation of Lecture of evening Prayer-Meeting, on "Cities of Refuge". Walked out on prairie, to see work of weeding the young plants of the outlines of the premise fence. Stopped in to see Efalunga, & Ikana, & her child Yamizina. Pretty moonlight night. A steamer in, — think it is English, from north.

Thursday, Jan. 23^d^. After 8. A. M. store, went to Plateau,

to pay Custom-duties, for Mr. Marling & on Fed. Pratt's box; and to get mail ~~that~~ had come by the "Teneriffe", of yesterday; & to post Madame Jacot's ring to her. On the way, met Purser Lindsay, of the "Teneriffe". Returning, stopped at Augouard's, to consult about whom I sh'd ask to go as matron, to Mrs DeHeer, if Mrs Emmy did not go. For the first, learned ~~that~~ DeBrazza had arrived last Sat'y! And, I sh'd have called on him. In afternoon, went to H. & C., and paid bills due Mr. Hudson, for some $600. The moon half full, - clear night.

Friday, Jan'y 24. After 8. A.M., store, went to Plateau, & called on Commissioner-General DeBrazza, - met Madame DeB, before I saw her husband. She was informal & very agreeable & amiable. The "Royalle" came in, from the South; also "Marie Woërman", from north. A mail came, from north. The walk was very warm; I was dressed for special visit, in black clerical suit, & felt very fatigued. As Mrs Emmy declines to go to Benita without her servant, I sent for Aziza-kawa, & asked her to go. Trying, with Mrs

Ogden, to arrange the French & American flags, as ornaments, in the parlor. Wondering why the "Mary Nassau" does not come, from up river.

Saty, Jany 25th. Still tired, from my walk of yesterday. The "Mary Nassau" in sight, & came to anchor about 9. A. M. Wrote letter to Mr. Passet, Benita; and to Mrs Jules Gacon, & Madme Jacot, Neuchâtel, Switzerland. Wrote to Mr. Hudson, for cash, in small pieces, for Mrs DeHeer, Benita. In afternoon, he came, & I sold him Bill of Exchange for £50 sterling. Anyentyuwe here, at my sewing, & I read her Mary's last letter.

Sabbath, Jany 26th. Had expected rain; but, none came all day, & the meetings were not interrupted. Conducted, morning and afternoon. Elder Ntyango conducted the evening. In afternoon, Messrs Williams and McEwan, of H. & C., came to church. I enjoyed the day's Services, feeling quite free and ready of utterance. But, just at the close of both morning & evening Service, I had a short attack of my singular lower abdominal spasm of pain.

Monday Jany 27th }
Tuesday " 28th } Busy both these days, getting

last things, for Mr. Merkel, for the "May Nassau's" journey, on Wed'y. The carpenter, Davis, not having given me on Monday a reply on Sat'y, I sent for "Theo" (Theophilus Roberts) & he agreed. When he came again in afternoon, to write contract, Davis came also, willing to go; but, he was too late. As Aziza-nkĕma sent me no reply, for matron for Mrs De Heer, I sent for Ngatye. On Tuesday, Ngatye came, & declined. (They thought the pay Mrs De Heer offered was not enough.) On Tuesday, wrote out bills for Mr Menkel, also, to Mr Ford: and made up packages for Benita, Bata, and Batanga. Must talk to Ivuke about his drinking liquor. Bright moonlight night. Thos. Lewis breaking the locked gate.

Wed'y Jan'y 29. The day an evil one. Some Fang, who came for work, talking in morning-prayers. Eight of the workmen massed in company, at grass-cutting, for sake of conversation; dispersed them. Went to see Mrs Lewis about Thomas; she was not at home. Rebuked him very sharply, & fined him $1.00. Went to H. & C., to inquire about Government regulations & taxes; he was away. Went to Sună Morris, about

the purchase of some rubino posts, for Mr. Marling. On returning, found Tavaru sitting down & eating during work time: dismissed him for day. Called young "Ivake (the associate of Thomas Lewis) & in the teacher's presence, whipped him. In afternoon, at Inquiry-Class, near its close, dismissed all, for some laughing at the mistakes of others. Wrote a letter to Ogowe Mission about my money acct. with them. The "Mary Nassau" had started before 6. A. M., but was still in sight (with field-glass) at 11. A. M. A good prayer-meeting in evening. After meeting, told Mrs Lewis about her son Thomas. A gentle rain falling this night.

Thursday, Jan. 30. Went to the Plateau, to inquire about the taxes to be paid this year on this property. Found the figures correct; and was given the order for the year's subvention, for the school, and had it cashed. The 800 francs were some weight to carry. An employe of Brandon was buried, this afternoon. Sent Ivake, to subscribe for the "Journal Official". But, there was some misunderstanding about it. Examining and verifying various bills of N. & C.

Friday Jan'y 31st. A clear, bright warm day. The men indolent about the work, in the field in front of the house. Ijalinga came, to apologize for having kept my long ladder so long. Anyentyuwa came, on her week's mourning; & was here to dinner & supper. A Chargeurs-Reunis steamer came yesterday, & I got a small mail to-day. Made an inventory of goods, in the pantry, to hand over to Mrs Ogden, in her taking charge tomorrow. Made out wages list, for tomorrow's payments.

Sat'y, February 1st. The German steamer returned, from south. Pay-day. Bakala, the Fang table-boy, left, dissatisfied with his wages. Passing over my provisions and some of my goods, to Mrs Ogden, in her ~~taking~~ charge of the Domestic arrangements. In afternoon, went to H. & C., to verify some items in the store-bill acct. Left an order with Bushnell, for 4000 thatch, with wh. to rethatch this house next Dry Season.

Sabbath. Feb'y 2nd } Monday " 3rd } The morning of the 2nd was very threatening; heavy black clouds. But only a slight rain, during morning service.

Just before morning Service, Mrs Airily called, to see me, about her domestic troubles. Mr. McEwan came to church, in afternoon. And a new married pair, a Mr. McFay (?) of Sierra Leone (?) & his Portuguese wife, — he is in the telegraph office. On Monday, my back tired me very much; opened & arranged the planes, making out Mrs Ogden's acct., & entering last months wages. After supper, took a walk to Aziyentyuie; In the morning, had sold to Mr. Hudson two £50. Bills of Exchange.

Tuesday Feby 4: Spent the morning at adding up columns in my acct., and preparing for Mrs Ogden a copy of hers. In afternoon, began to make out an order, for a quantity of goods, to be sent for, through H.&C. Also, went to H.&C, & paid some bills. While we were at supper ~~[illegible]~~, at 6. P.M., came Madame De Brazza, attended by one native soldier; &, half-an-hour later, came De Brazza himself, escorted by Mr. Hudson. They stayed till 7. P.M. A very pleasant call, — not simply official.

Wed'y Feby 5: This season is certainly middle dry;

for, there is but little rain, and the ground is quite dry. At the storehouse, a long while this morning; got out a large supply of food for Mrs Ogden. Also, continued at the making out details of items, for the large Order to be sent this month. At evening Lecture, prefaced my Lecture on the regular Sab. Sch. lesson, by some gentle rebuke on the habit of the people to lazily sit during prayer.
Thursday, Feb'y 6'. Very warm, in morning. Made a plan for a house, wh. Anyentyuwa hopes to build some day. Had written her a long letter early, about her neglect of Wed'y Prayer-meeting. In the afternoon, W. F. M. Soc'y. Dark clouds and threatening showers. Resumed the copying, of the revision of Genesis, wh. I have been wanting to do, for some months, & for wh. Makânga has been waiting here a whole month. Dark rainy night; heavy lightning to the north.
Friday, Feb'y 7'. Rose late, this morning: did not hear the first bell. On going to the 8. A. M. store, saw that the padlock had been tampered with! On

entering the store, there were lying, on the floor, hats and carpenter's pencils, and empty boxes, and hundreds of burnt matches, wh. thieves had lighted ~~to see~~ their way to the piles of various articles they had stolen! I sent Ioaké for the police, & he called the 5 Fang who had slept in their house adjacent ~~that~~ night. If they were not the thieves, they must at least have known of the theft, and heard the noise. The police arrested 3 of them. ~~They~~ thieves had entered by a surprising way, — the folding doors, had not been (evidently for years) bolted ~~to the~~ floor! : so, ~~though~~ safely locked, they cd. be pulled out from the wall! Held a ~~Session~~ meeting, to summon Ingeza. In afternoon, fastened the faulty place of the store door. Was amazed at a collection of some 50 women, down on the prairie, gathered for a fight! Also, was disappointed at Anyentyuwi's reply to my pastoral letter to her; about her neglect of prayer-meetings. Mrs Ainsley came, to sympathise with me about the theft. Feel very depressed.

Sat., Feb. 8th. A police-man came, to bid me be present as prosecutor of the 3 Fang, at the Plateau. Went immediately after breakfast. A heavy north cloud & wind, and rain came, just as I reached the Plateau. Waited a while, till the Chief of Police was ready, and he took my deposition; & examined the 3 Fang. I cd. not prove their guilt, & even doubted it, suspecting rather that Bassa Joe & Kroo Ben were the guilty ones. But, the Chief wished to keep them some days, to have the police look among the relations of the 3 men, if possibly some of the goods cd. be found. Stopped, on way back, at Bettencourt's, and saw Madame B. there. At Johnson the tailor's (at the photographer's), and at goldsmith Assily (?). In afternoon, with Ireke, made fast the weak places of the storehouse. And began, with Masânga, at the Benga transcription of Genesis. Mr. Hudson called, to condole about the theft. Ntyango had called also during the day.

Sabbath, Feb. 9th. Woke with a heavy cold all through my system. Think I got it yesterday morning, the

morning was cool, afternoon hot. evening cool. A quiet day; good audiences.
Monday Feby 10th. Weather like yesterday. All morning, in Mr. Hudson's office, giving descriptive details of the items for the Order he is to send for me. In afternoon, copying Benga Genesis revision. Went to inquire, of Mrs Ainsley, how Mrs Nassau's grave at Talaguga was,—in what order when she left there last year. She said it was in good order. Yet, I wondered tht, in a photo just recently taken of Talaguga, I cd. see no sign of the grave or the fence around it. After supper, went to see Labingo the photographer,—he said tht he had seen nothing of the grave, when he took the picture! Has my fence been tampered with! In evening prayer-meeting, Akendenge a Keke declared themselves man and wife. Escorted Mrs Ainsley home. Damp, cool night.
Tuesday, Feby 11th. Weather like yesterday. In morning, wrote draft of a letter to daughter-in-law Mary. Nassau, for a mission meeting. A Marriage Feast in Nkagare to-day, for Akendenge a Keke. In afternoon, at Benga Revision. Burned the dried grass recently cut on the grass field,

Wed'y Feb'y 12'
Thursday " 13'
Friday " 14'
Made no entries for 3 days. A very heavy cold. Scarcely able to do any thing, on Wed'y, with difficulty attended to afternoon Singing Class. For Prayer meeting Service, told the audience the deliverance of Pruefry, against the sending of Protestant children to R.C. Schools. On Thursday A.M., the Government interpreter came, with message from the Chief of Police asking whether he sh'd longer retain the 3 Fang (arrested a week ago) in jail; As I c'd prove nothing against them, I sent word to release them. In afternoon, they came, under escort of a police-man. I refused to speak with them till next day. On Friday, paid the 3 Fang for their few days service, in beginning of the month, - dismissed Nzingewe in disgrace, & held the other two under advisement. Finished my letter for Rev. W. L. Nassau's Miss'y Soc'y.

Saturday Feb'y 15'
Sabbath " 16'
Monday " 17'
Wrote a letter to son Charles. Anyentyuwe did not come with my clothes, till night-fall, - she had been detained with her washing for H. & C. She was tired & hungry, & I went to our storehouse, to ...

ford for her. Sabbath was a clear warm day. Mr Ainsley came early, & was present at all the Services of the day. On Monday, writing letters for the mail; & at Benga revising. A French steamer came, the "Thibet"; &, in afternoon, landed Mons Faure, on his way to Lambarene, to join the Ogowe Mission. He is to be guest for a week, till the German steamer goes south. Anyentyuwi came this afternoon, and cut my hair.

Tuesday, Feby 18th. Writing letters, for the mail; and also at copying Benga Revision. But, had not good success in either. Many interruptions; and was somewhat depressed also. A colored man came, in afternoon, who said his father had been in the Mission under Mr Walker, by name, Peters, & seeking medicine for his son, with some obscure disease. Very warm days.

Wedy, Feby 19th. Another warm day. The "Evangeline" came, from Angom, with letters from Mr. Marling, for the mail. Finished my letter for May and Mrs Todd. Adande & Ngwanga, returned from Sibange, where they heard suspicions against Bassa Joe, as the thief of my storehouse. After Inquiry-meeting, Mr. Gabraner came

and bought of one several Bills of Exchange. After supper, Mr. Hudson called, & I made some inquiries about making a will, as otherwise, my personal effects would be auctioned by the Government.

Thursday, Feb'y 20th } Mr. Wood called, in afternoon of 20th, & stayed
Friday " 21st } to tea and evening; In evening, there came a-ṅo Anyentyuwĕ, to show me one of her front upper teeth broken out, in her eating a hard cocoa-nut. It is one of the false teeth ~~that~~ I got for her, when at Liverpool, in 1891. On Friday, the "Matadi" came, with mail: 14 letters for me: marriage of son Charles.

Saturday, Feb'y 22d. Last night, Mrs. Ogden thought she heard me knocking in room for help, & came to the door and called; I woke very suddenly & alarmed, & c'd not sleep well afterwards. The noise was probably of the watchman. A very rainy morning. Writing to Mr. Marling; and re-read my 14 letters of yesterday. Dismissed the Akĕle workman. Several of the work-men absent. In afternoon, at Benga Reunion.

Sabbath, Feb'y 23d. A clear bright day. Good meetings.

Mons Faure was present, at the Primary Dept. to talk French to Mrs Ogden's class, but very few pupils of her class present. Thos. Lewis had run away for a day's excursion to the other side of river. In afternoon, Anyentyewi & Mrs Ainsley were invited in by Mrs Ogden to a lunch: & we ate a Watermelon Akanda had sent me 2 days ago: & I read Mary's & Charley's letter to them. After supper, went to see Osuka-Kâkâ near Reya's, where she had been sick, but she had gone to her Orove village. After evening service, went to see her at Orove, and prayed with her.

Monday, Feby 24. Obtained the Custom house papers all right, & had everything ready; but 2 of Mr. Marling's crew were away, — one across the river & the other at Nomba; so the journey was deferred till tomorrow afternoon. Wrote letter to Mr. Hickman. At Benga Reunion. The German steamer did not come: Mons Faure anxious to get to the Ogowe. Beautiful moonlight. Kwâle, the prisoner Awora's mother, came to beg me to ask for his release, as he is very sick.

Tuesday, Feby 25. The German steamer came in,

also the Portuguese mail. Mons Faure, at my request, wrote me a petition for the release of Aurora. Got the "Lafayette" away by 12 noon, hiring 2 new men, & abandoning the two who have absented themselves. At Benga Session. After Mrs Lewis's afternoon teaching, talked to her about her neglect to keep her family together, & her not having laid aside some money in the past to build herself a house. Mons Faure left at 3. P.M., to go to the German steamer, for his journey to Cape Lopez and the Ogowe. After supper, I went to see Anyentyuwe about the time Mrs Lewis was using her week, for washing with her. Moon somewhat clouded.

~~Wednesday~~ Feb. 26 } On Wed'y, at session of Benga.
Thursday " 27 } A warm day. On Thursday, opened the new "Stove" that is on hand here: but it was unsatisfactory; & I sold Mrs Ogden my old stove & utensils. A new company of ducks came off to-day. In afternoon, went to post office, & posted Mr. Ford's registered letters, & bought $16.50 worth of postage stamps for Batanga,

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Stopped at Holt's, & found that the Chiktwa pudding, wh., in Jan'y, I had heard was there awaiting me, had been sent by mistake to the "Mary Nassau", and that it was probably with Mr. Menkel, Cashed, for $102.50, a Bill of Exchange for $100, sent me through brother-in-law Wells, by the Lakewood, N. J. Presb. ch., for my own use, in the work here. Very dark clouds up river, during the afternoon: a rain to-night. The Latter-Rains have begun; the "Middle Dries" are over.

Friday, Feby 28
Sat'y " 29
Sabbath Mar, 1

No record these days; think it was Friday that I bought, for H. & C., part of my order for sewing machines.

In the afternoon, about 4. P.M., came word that the old woman, Anyentyani, mother of Paia, Kabinda's widow, had just died. I went at once, to forestall any invasion the Romanists might make.

Funeral of the old woman, at 3.30. P.M. of Sat'y.. It was disgraceful that the men, who carried the corpse, had been drinking; & in letting the coffin into the grave, they let the rope slip, & the coffin

actually fell in the grave! Then, while filling the earth, heathen men and women were laughing and joking!

Sabbath was a cool quiet day. Good attendance at Sab. School. Mr. McEwen, of H. & C., was at afternoon Service, & stayed to supper. Dark cloudy, threatening night. Small ~~Monthly~~ Concert.

Monday, Mar. 2d } Pay day on the 2d; and, with
Tuesday " 3d } entering of accts, had no time,
Wed: y " 4th } all day, to do anything at Benga.

Anyentyuwe came, to clean up my room, at Mrs Ogden's wish; she being unable to superintend, with her boils. At evening Prayer-meeting, spoke strongly about the assistants at funerals drinking liquor, & being under its influence even at the grave.

On Tuesday, a French steamer in the harbor. Letter from Mr. Gacon. Ozimo Truman returned from the Ogowe. On Wedy, came the German steamer; sent a small letter to Mr. Ford, ~~Rev~~ Hickman, and Sister Isabella. A long hunt, in the sewing-machine boxes, for the Needles, an extra lot of wh. I had sent for. A big snake at the brook, in the path near Lasemi's house.

Thursday, ~~Feby~~ March 5: Went to Plateau, and paid $34, for the year's taxes on these Baraka premises. Also, went on to the Chargeur-Reunis office, about the money due the carpenter Ambroise (Ongâin); but, Mons Chevalier said he had nothing to do with it. Also, went on to Mrs Ainsley's, - but the house was shut. Ainsley happened to come along, & said his wife had gone to Baraka, for W. F. M. Socy. Came back, & overtook Mrs Ainsley near Angentyuwi's. Passed on, by path past Madame Bizet's and Bigmani's, & around by the new road of the Government for their soldiers. A long walk; but c'd not eat at dinner; - Mrs Ogden's plan of teaching her class will, I fear, go against my effort to make the people buy their books.

At Benga, in afternoon. Went to see Mrs Ainsley, at her Mbrainani house. And, after supper, as I was taking my evening stroll, met her & Ainsley going towards the Plateau, - or, perhaps to Angentyuwi's.

Friday, March 6 } Before noon of 6, began a very
Sat'y " 7 } heavy rain, which continued almost the remainder of the afternoon. Writing Benga. In

evening, wrote an important letter to Mrs Todd.
Sat: a beautifully clear day. Sold 4 New Home machines to H & C.; one was soon returned, being broken; &, on opening another, with wh. to replace the broken one, it also was found broken. Wrote a letter to Mary. Very many interruptions, from people wanting medicine, and items of business. Mrs Ainsley called, to say good-bye in passing back to her home at the Plateau. A cloudy threatening evening.

Sabbath Mar. 8th
Monday " 9th
Tuesday " 10th

A clear, quiet Sabbath. Mr. McEwan came, before afternoon Service, & Mr. Collings was also in church; and both came in after Service, & stayed to tea. Began with having Deacon Porie conduct the evening Service.

On Monday afternoon, Anyentyuwe came to overhaul and brush up my coats and pantaloons. She stayed to tea, and Prayer ^meeting, and I went to her home, after meeting for a short visit. The Southern Cross now in clear view again. Tuesday, the skies threatened, but the day cleared. Steadily at Benga transcription. A young man died in Ratiyi's village.

Wed'y, Mar. 11th. A threatening morning, wh. cleared off, and a warm afternoon, with heavy thunder but no rain. Benga transcriptions all day. Sent Mr. Ibia's mail early in morning; and, in late afternoon, himself came, with Elder Ikika, & his crew, on his quarter's supply-trip. Dismissed one of the Fang workmen, for idleness. A dark night.

Thursday, Mar. 12th } Rev. Ibia at the Plateau Custom-
Friday, " 13th } House, but returned, having had no difficulty. In the afternoon, paid him and Elder Ikika, for the past six months wages, up to April. A heavy rain, in the afternoon. On Friday morning, also busy with Mr. Ibia's acct. In afternoon, heavy rain. The Custom-house inquiring, about the sailing-papers for Mr. Ibia's boat, the "Ikamidé". Sent Iveke for Permits &c, for the boat to go to-morrow. Dark night: strong wind; but no rain.

Saturday Mar 14th. Signs of a clear day; but, the sky soon began to darken. Got out Mr. Ibia's boxes, and he loaded up, and was off by 10. A.M.; a heavy storm came less than 1/2 hour afterward, & continued for an

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Home. Sent Isake to the Plateau Douans, to correct the error of the money changed yesterday. Afternoon cloud, Making good progress with the Benga transcriptions. Anyentyuwe sent my clothes; but she was too busy to come, & arrange them.

Sabbath Mar. 15: A clear bright day; but, quiet somewhat disturbed. Early in morning, the corpse of Dowe (who died in Izuwa village, a member of the Inquiry-Class, who has been sickly for more than a year) was carried past, to be buried on the orove. At intervals, during the day, d drum attempted to be beaten, in the villages: During morning Service, the company returned from the grave, noisy as they passed the church: Children unusually noisy in the villages, A good Sab. Sch.; Mrs Lewis Infant-Class over a dozen; 2 teachers absent, & I took Mrs Ainsley and Emângwi as substitutes. After afternoon Service, heard a sister of Nene, Mbyango's wife, had strange spasms, in Izuwa village. Prepared some medicine for her; but, just as Sonie was closing evening-Service, mourning of her death was heard.

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Monday, Mar. 16th. Weather variable. At Benga transcriptions. The funeral (of the woman who died last night) out in the prairie Graveyard. Small Prayer-Meeting. Very dark night.

Tuesday, Mar. 17th. Finished the transcription of Benga Hymns, in morning; and wrote to Mr. Gault, in afternoon. A clear day; no rain. Took a new Fany, to-day. A burial, to-day, of a woman from Ntyuwazizi; they are beginning now to pass around by the Grove, instead of by our Mission path.

Wednesday Mar. 18th } Wrote letters to Son Charles, on 18th.
Thursday " 19th } Dark night for Prayer-Meeting.

On 19th, French mail came in; very small mail. An excellent letter from Mr. McComb, of Chestnut Hill, Pa. Wrote a long letter to brother-in-law Wells, of Peekskill, N.Y. A small German gun-boat has been in the harbor, for some days.

Friday Mar. 20th } Sent mail, on morning of 20th; &
Sat'y " 21st } the 2 French steamers, & the German gun-boat went out. On Sat'y, the "Niger" (Nubia?) Capt. Davis came in. A mail also; letter from Mary. Capt Davis, and a young trader, made a

call just after dinner-time. A showery day. Very strong wind, in afternoon, a rough water.

Sabbath, Mar. 22 } Monday, " 23 } A clear day; but, spoiled by Ukuk-e, wh. was held with drum & dance, all day in Ezuwa village. In afternoon, I went to the Commissary-house at Glass, and asked the police to interfere; but, they said the Chief of Police had given permit! I doubt it, - I think themselves had been enjoying ^looking at the dance. Mrs. McEwen was, at afternoon Service, & stayed to supper.

On Monday, variable weather; the expected "Matadi" did not come. Began to transcribe the revision of Benga Isaiah. Commenced a letter to Chief of Police, about yesterday's dance. Elder Ntyango led the evening Meeting. Rainy night.

Tuesday, Mar. 24 } Wed. " 25 } On returning from the storehouse, with some Baking Powder, wh. Mrs Ogden had asked me to get (leaving me to bring any size or quantity) she greeted me with what, of things, was a complaint, as to the tins smallness. As similar things had occurred, & I had quietly borne them all,

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I felt vexed, but I said not a word, but went immediately to the store, & brought up 2 large tins; Mrs Ogden was very much distressed about it, & said she had not meant to complain of the tin; and then I regretted that I had misunderstood her. Ignue came from Ovendo, & we had session, & dismissed Ntyango, at his own request, to Angom ch; Felt disturbed about the trouble of the morning; At night, a heavy storm of wind and rain.

Thursday Mar 26th } Ate too heartily at breakfast, & this,
Friday " 27th } with trouble of yesterday, gave me a
Sat'y " 28th } headache. Could not do much
Sabbath " 29th } writing. Nor on ~~Sat'y~~ Friday was able

to do much. Walked out some, during these days, hoping to drive away the sick-headache. And visited Angentyuwi, where Mrs Lewis was helping her son. Heard of the explosion of the "Matadi", at Boma in the Kongo, with great loss of life, and dangerous injury to Capt Dalgarno.

On Sat'y. A.M., wearied with the continued headache, vomited myself with my usual emetic,

a quantity of tepid saline water; and felt better; and began to eat. Had fasted for almost 3 days.
Sabbath clear, in morning; but, showery in afternoon. Mr. McEwan at Afternoon Service. A French steamer came in, in morning, & out in afternoon. A letter from Ogowe, from Mrs. Hang; and one from son William. Bright moonlight nights.

Monday March 30
Tuesday " 31
Wed'y April 1
Thursday " 2
Friday " 3
} No entries all these days, Busy with the routine of Benga-work, half of each morning & afternoon; and accts. & overseeing, the other halves. On Monday, paid to Mr. Chavalier, agent of Chargeurs-Reunis, for the Ogowe Mission, the balance of money due them. Also, paid H. & C. a large bill. Also on Friday, sold £75. Bills of Exchange to H. & C.. Two evenings, I walked out on the prairie around by the target-post, along the new road the Government has made for their soldiers. A very small mail, by the French mail of Wed'y.

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Sat'y April 4' Sabbath " 5' Monday " 6' Tuesday " 7' Wed'y " 8' Thursday " 9' Friday " 10' Saturday " 11' Sabbath " 12'	These days have been uneventful, except that, in the afternoon of the 4', was Preparatory Service for Communion. The 5', was Communion; Akondunge was baptized, and Nathan, infant of Lucina. German steamer entered the harbor ("Lulu Bohlen"). On the 6', difficulty about getting Kala a permit, for passage to Batanga, to work as carpenter, & he failed to get

off, & 1875 francs I had carefully packed for Mrs De Heer failed to go. The subsequent days routine of Benga Revisions of Isaiah. Rainy days. On Sabbath 12', a thick haze, like Dry Season; Mrs McEwan was at church, in afternoon.

Monday April 13' Tuesday " 14' Wed'y " 15' Thursday " 16' Friday " 17' Sat'y " 18'	The regular routine, all this week, with Benga Revision, half of each morning and evening. On Friday, came the French mail, 2 days early; and, that same day, the Sierra Leone engineer, Davies, came, a thoroughly

repaired the organ. I had thought it useless beyond repair; but it is in perfect order again. On Thursday, wrote a long letter to the Lakewood N.J. church, thanks for their $100. On Sat 17, at 8.30. A.M., came Mr. Gacon. He had arrived with his wife, & leaving her on board had come for a boat. I hurried the "Evangeline" off with him. And, in a couple hours, they came. Mrs Gacon very weak and nervous. Heavy rain in afternoon. Just after supper, at 6. P.M., came a note from one of H. & C. clerks (Mr. Williams) saying that the "Evangeline" was adrift! Iveke had left it with too short a chain. Hasted, with the few people on the premises, to the wharf, near wh. it still was; one man plunged in and caught the boat, and the others floated it to the boat-house, and we housed it. No rain, but dark night; the young moon obscured.

Sabbath April 19 } Sabbath morning clear; but, while in
Monday " 20 } church in afternoon, a heavy rain came up, which increased at close of service; so that several persons waited in church a long while, for the

rain to cease. I provided a rug for Lucina, - rubber coat for Mr Lewis, umbrellas for Akanda & for Ntyango; Rain also at night, - only 6 present.

On Monday, the "Niger" returned from south. I went off, & found ~~the~~ Capt. wd. take money, for Mr DeHeer to Bata, & wd. stop at Batanga. Hurried back ashore, & a sent word for Kala to go to Plateau & get his Permit, - up to the house, - got the box of specie, & went back to steamer. (Had previously sent the mail to the post; & the wagon with Mr. Gacon for the box of present for Mary, - but Mr. Chevalier, agent of Chargeurs Reunis, had sent it by his boat.) Left the money on the steamer, & returned, & got some ~~[illegible]~~ oranges, & sent the boat with them, a third time. Kala came, but had spent his time in "getting ready", - had not gone to Plateau for Permit. I was very vexed with him. Steamer did not go till 3.30. P.M. Cloudy evening. Ntyango conducted Prayer-meeting.

Tuesday, April 21.
Wed.y " 22.
Thursday " 23.
Friday " 24.

Busy with getting things ready for Mr. Marling, and writing some letters. On Wed.y, the English "Roquelle", capt

Gibson, came in; sent off the "Evangeline", thinking possibly Mr. Ford was there. He was not, but Gertrude (Miss Pratt) was there, & was able to get ashore, as she had no other way, - the ship's boat refusing to help her. I began stock-taking, in the storehouse. In the afternoon, the German "Alene Wöermann" came. At noon, Capt. Gibson had come to call on Mrs Ogden, with Mrs Jones, wife of Agent Jones of H. & C., formerly of Elobi; now down south at Landana, I had never met her before. On Thursday, German steamer went out. The Gascons concluded to stay a while longer. On Friday, I completed the inventory of the storehouse, leaving a few things, wh. are in other houses, to be counted. Very rainy days. Oyongumo is able to write me notes now, for her mother.

Sat.	April	25.	Made no entries all these days; busy with the continuance of the stock-taking, and resuming the regular Revision work. On 25. completed taking the list of all items of Stock. By night,
Sabbath	"	26.	
Monday	"	27.	
Tuesday	"	28.	
Wed.y	"	29.	
Thursday	"	30.	
Friday	May	1.	
Sat.y	"	2.	
Sabbath	"	3.	

of Friday, had all the items copied, - their values run out, and the columns of figures, of the 18 pages of foolscap of the Inventory, added up, with cash on hand counted.

Friday was pay-day: Nkei and the Fang Obam got into a fight, over a Nkei's debt to Obam; & as they w^d. not cease, though Iveke twice spoke to him, also Ovenga and I, - I struck Nkei with a stick, and drove Obam away. Two others of the Fang left also; And Nkei has not appeared for work. Was tired and exhausted with the 10 days stretch at figures. But, by Saty night, had all of the charges for pay-day entered, and everything clear. Madame Gacon is slowly improving in health. Augustine is in quite poor health. Mr. Fildes, in charge of H. & C, during Mr. Hudson's absence, is very much more prompt in doing business than Mr. Hudson.

Monday, May 4 } Showery days. At usual routine.
Tuesday " 5 } On Tuesday afternoon, paid a bill at H. & C.^s, and sold them a Bill of Exchange for £50., Have heard of a good deal of stealing, these last few days, at factories and at private houses; Have taken several new men to work; on the 4^t. Steamer came in;

Wed'y May 6'
Thursday " 7'
Friday " 8'
Sat'y " 9'
} The usual routine all three days, except that, on the 6', I omitted Revision, in order to write letters, for the home mail of the 7'.. On evening of 7', Itolo, long expected from Corisco, to help me with my Revision work, arrived: sick with an ulcer on his scrotum, and coming for medicine. On the 8', I gave him a letter to the French doctor, for special assistance. On afternoon of 7', after my usual revision till, 3.30, I was weary, and wanted variety, I went to the 2 Trading-houses of H. & C. & Wöermann, and then to Angentyus, for some 2 hours, omitting my supper, and returning in time for 7. P.M. Prayers. On Sat'y, Ngwenkili came to the school-house, to quarrel about the clothing that was presented to the children, on Friday, as rewards for last month's good attendance. I ordered her out of the yard, as I will allow no interference at the school. Then, at 5. P.M., she came to make the complaint to me. I took the garments from her, and gave her a sharp rebuke for con-

planning about the character of a gift.

Sabbath, May 10 | Monday, " 11 | Tuesday " 12 | Wed'y " 13 | Thursday " 14 | Friday " 15 } Kept no records; Waiting for coming of English steamer. Regular routine work. The 11 and 12 showery days, for the coming of new moon. Four of my workmen did not come on the 14, they being away at their Roman Catholic feast of the Ascension. In afternoon, came in the steamer "Boma", from north. Supposed Mr. Ford was on board; sent off the boat. Mr F. was not there, but Rev. and Mrs Schwatz, of Batanga, came. She was very weak, as I slowly walked with her on my arm. Preparing for the departure of Mr. & Mrs Gason, on on the "Boma" on Friday, as steamer announced to go at 9. A.M. But, on Friday, after some writing back & forth, to H, & C., was informed the departure was delayed till 2. P.M. Sent the boat with them at 2. P.M., - water rather rough; but steamer did not leave till after 4. P.M. At 3. P.M., came the Benita boat "Willie". [On night of Wed'y,

the Government had sent out a body of soldiers, as scouts, to raid all the villages, after midnight, and arrest all persons then found on the streets.].

Sat., May 16'. Doctor Pelissier came in the morning, to see sick Mrs. Schnatz. I sent Makai, with a bag of oranges, with him when he left. Also, had sent Masânga, with a mis-sent letter of Madame Bettencourt, & for some French school books, which I had been told, by Mr Gacon (through Mons. Bezuel) were lying in the hands of the Director of the Interior, for me. Some trouble about the papers of the "Willie". In the afternoon, sent Ozimo, with Eduta, Capt of "Willie", to explain to the Douanes, – to get some postal cards, – and to return the Director's box. Rev. Bates had come about 10. A.M.; in "Lafayette", from Angom. Augustus Boardman also came. Many people coming & going to-day, for worm-medicine, – 2 women to exchange German money for French, – and various jobs. This Station is really a Resort for other Stations & for strangers.

Sabbath, May 17'. Drum and dance in 3 adjacent

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villages, last night, continued till about 7.30 A.M. Rev. Messrs Bates and Schnatz present, at morning service. A clear, bright day, and good attendance. Mrs Schnatz not able to come to church. Several of the Gaboon ladies came in, after church, to salute Mrs Schnatz. Strong wind tonight.

Monday, May 18: Declined 3 applicants for work. Paying orders for Mr. Marling. Started Teke at painting "Evangeline". Rev. Bates decided not to leave the country, but to return up-river to his botanising. Neither Mr. nor Mrs Schnatz well. A French steamer came in, late in afternoon.

Tuesday, May 19: Many payments and jobs before I could get settled at writing my letter. A large 12 ft snake (Python?) was carried by 2 men on a pole, past the house: quite an excitement of the school children & my workmen, at the snake. Heard sobbing in the school-house, and found Oyongemo in the corner, standing where, the teacher Ozimo had struck her. Rebuked him, and placed her in her seat again. Got at my letter-writing about 10.30 A.M. Wrote a long letter to daughter Mary;

Arranging with Rev. Bates for his return up-river, (not in mission service) but, for his botanising.

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At night, wrote letter to Mr. Marling, for the "Lafayette's" return tomorrow to Angom. Mr. Schnatz not well.

Wed'y May 20'
Thursday " 21'
Friday " 22'
Sat'y " 23'

English mail steamer came, from South, on Wed'y, and went out, in afternoon. Also, both French steamers went out, in afternoon. Sent mail. Had despatched the "Lafayette", for Angom, at 11. A. M., and Rev Bates returned hither with it. Before it started, Elder Ntyango, with Deacon Ongâm, had come to report Deacon Sonié's attempt to separate from his wife. After Prayer Meeting, I was annoyed by Anzentyuwé's telling me of a man, Koka, attempting to obtain lodging in her house.

On the 21', felt a little feverish re-action, from the letter-writing of the past 2 days.

On afternoon of 22', H. & C. sent up some $.500. worth Supplies, mostly Provisions. Carpenter, Theophilus Roberts, began to repair the "Christine".

The 23', a bright day. Many jobs. Mr. & Mrs Schnatz do not improve in health, as I hoped for. Feel lonely to-night; all gone to bed by 8.30, P.M.; and the night is moonlight. Music in the villages.

Sabbath May 24' / Monday " 25' / Tuesday " 26' / Wed'y " 27' } Felt quite free, in both my morning and afternoon Services. During Morning Service, Kwĕlĕ, who had been sick near Nomba, was brought back dying; She died about 1. P.M. Kega sent for boards for the coffin, as if I shd provide every thing. But I refused. On the 25', at 10. A.M., was the funeral. The Benita crew, waiting now for Mr Ford's coming, almost 2 weeks, became restive, and asked to go. The French fête of the Passover extended itself over Monday & Tuesday; factory people not working on Monday. But, I got money, Bills of Exchange cashed at Wöermann's. On the 26', afternoon, told the Benita crew they might go on Thursday, if Mr. Ford did not come on Wed'y morning. ~~On 27', no steamer in sight~~ Night of the 26', at the Government Soiree, in honor of the crowning of the Tsar of Russia. Beautiful moonlight night. On 27', no steamer in sight; made out papers for Benita boat, to go on Thursday. Dr. Pelissier came, to see Mrs Schultze. "Marie Wöermann" steamer, came at 1. P.M. but the

"Evangeline" to steamer, for Mr. Ford; & Mr. Schultz was to go too, to see the ship's doctor. - but Iveke made a mistake, and went off without him. Mr. F. landed at 2.30, & finally, got through the Customs, and up at the house after 4. P.M.

Thursday, May 28. A French steamer came in, but, both it, and the German steamer of yesterday, went out of the harbor. H. & C. sent up the Bricks, lime, cement, & lumber I recently ordered. Mr. Ford went to the Plateau, for various errands.

Friday May 29 }. In the morning of 29 I went to call
Sat'y " 30 } on Anyentyuwe; at 10.30, at my usual Benga Reunion. Preparing the "Willie", for its return to Benita tomorrow; - the Captain, Edula, had some difficulty with the Custom officer, about the boat's papers; - finally they were obtained. Burning the grass in the field in front of the house. Early in A.M. of 30, loading the "Willie"; the local custom officer, made some difficulty about the papers. Mr. Ford went with me, & it was soon settled, - & the boat left at 8. A.M. Cold Dry Season weather. Annoyed with malon Ellis.

Sabbath, May 31st } A French mail steamer had come in
Monday, June 1st } ~~during~~ on Saturday evening. On Sabbath afternoon, Rev. Allegret, who had come as a passenger, called to let us know of his & Mrs Allegret's arrival with their children. King Adande, of the ~~other side~~ of the Bay, all called for a few minutes, Rev. Schwartz preached for me. On Monday, pay day. Dismissed Nkei; was vexed at Yigenyage's complaint, about his wages. In afternoon, began at accts, with Mr. Ford. Good prayer-meeting, in the evening. Dark night.
Tuesday, June 2nd. Messrs Ford & Schwartz, with Mrs Ogden, went, in "Evangeline", to French steamer, for visit to Mrs Allegret. I went to beach & found that carpenter Roberts was not at work; also went out on the prairie, & found Nubumba doing no work; took away his cutlass. On return to the house, just as the company were returning to the pier, I went to the school-house, where there was loud crying & sobbing. It was Oyongumo complaining against the boy Iveke, who had insulted her. Sent her home to her mother, & whipped Iveke. These things took away my appetite

for dinner. In afternoon, at acct with Mr. Ford. Mr. Allegret called, having come by boat, wh. I had sent to steamer with flowers & oranges for Mrs Allegret. With him was a new miss'y, their Mission Treasurer. I returned them with the "Evangeline", making its 3d journey to-day.
Wed., June 3d. An unusual number of jobs, in the store, - and supplying Mrs Ogden with supplies of food: and then, at my acct. with Treasurer Ford, both morning and afternoon, until 3. P.m., when I went to Inquiry-Class: and, after Class, preparing for Evening Service, on part of the Sermon on the Mount. Dark night. After Lecture, Mrs Gertrude Pratt & Kaya spoke to me ~~that~~ the priest was trying to get her young Samuel back to the R. C. School.
Thursday June 4. Omitted Benga Revision, in order to attend to acct. with Treasurer Ford; The mason, Ellis, & carpenter Robert, are slow & irregular. In the afternoon, was quite annoyed to find my accts not in proper order, notwithstanding the great care I had taken during the past year. The mason, Ellis, came, in afternoon, complaining about his rations, but

up late at night, with acct. of money with Mr. Ford.
Friday June 5th. Busy all day, with accounts with Treasurer Ford, for closing Station books up to May 1st. Am still annoyed at the mason Ellis about his irregular coming to work. Shortly before noon, Omanintyaye was seen, in the grave-yard gesticulating, with a paper in his hand, and kneeling in prayer, at Dr. Bushnell's grave, — he evidently was out of his mind. In evening, Mr. McEwen came to call on Mr. Ford. Sky clear, & stars bright; the Southern Cross standing high & bright.
Saty June 6th. Felt feverish and tired; but, kept on at work of Revision, — superintended the mason and other outside work. At noon, Mr. Ford suspected a missing paper-cutter had been stolen by Râganji. I wrote a note to Anyentyewe, to investigate about it, & Mr. Ford went himself to Râganji in Izuwa village, & the boy came up and showed Mr. Ford where it had been mislaid, — the boy was innocent. While finishing the week's money entries for this week, tinkling a flute with guitar accompaniment passed by, and

I longed again for my guitar music.

Sabbath June 7th; Not much drumming last night. The day quiet, except, some Plateau men, with their shot-guns on the prairie, for little birds. Ainthy was at church,— the first, for a long time. Mrs Schwatz was able to be at church, in the afternoon. Death & burial of a little slave of Sonie. Dark night; prairie fires beginning.

Monday June 8th. After store-time, went to Plateau;— tried to get ship-biscuits at Holdt's; they had none; was too late for fish; at the Governor's, to return the Soiree call; At Mr. Scache's office to inquire about disposition of property in case of death; & about land titles. On the way back, stopped at photographer, and had my picture taken. At Renun, in the afternoon. Only few at Prayer meeting;— leader Ongam about with sickness; & I led. To-day, got a money-order, from Mr. Ford, for about $5.25, from W. F. M. S of this Gabon ch., for America. Also, a $10. note, wh. the "Xtian Herald" had sent me in April, Mr. Ford exchanged for me.

Tuesday June 9th. A steamer was seen coming in, which soon proved to be the "Teneriffe", from the north. Mr.

Ford and Mr. Schwartz went off to the steamer, and returned with the news of the death of Mrs Roberts, of Batanga. But, very strangely, there were no letters from Batanga. I sent twice to the Plateau for them; but there were none. We afterward learned that they had been left at Bata. The news depressed us all. The "Teneriffe" has a quantity of goods for me, from America. Dismissed the man, Ogula 2d, from work. Lasemi arrived, from Batanga. A consultation, in evening, whether Mr. Ford shd. delay his going to America, on acct. of Mrs. Roberts death, and return to service at Batanga.

Wed'y June 10th. This whole day has been with annoyances. Fang man, in the store-house, ~~of~~ insisting to sell things I did not want, & fastidious about pay; — builders of the kitchen, building in their own way, not mine; — one man smoking in work time; — Ellis, the mason, wanting to build the pillar on a spot I objected to, & wanting to remove a line-post, wh. he claimed wd. be in his way; — Carpenter Robert bungling, about the arch I am preparing for the gate-way; — my Kinsm-

interfered with by the work on the premises. Only a small number at Prayer-meeting to-night.

Thursday June 11th: Ellis came early, to get some straw I had promised him for his bedding! and this just after his conduct of yesterday! I told him I wd. give him ~~the~~ straw after settling his wages; He lied about the number of days' work, and I closed the book, as I had no time to discuss. I was going to Plateau, with Mrs Ogden afoot, & Mr & Mrs Schmitz in the boat. Went to call on Madame DeBrazza; Mr & Mrs S. returned by boat, & Mrs O. and I by foot; stopped at Hatton's, ~~to~~ make a small purchase. Had head-ache all day, whi. increased all day. In afternoon, Mrs Ainsley called, for a few minutes. And, after W. F. M. S., Anyentyuwe called, and recounted about Lasimi's arrival, & about her plans for house-building. Mr Ford expecting to go to Angom tomorrow.

Friday June 12th } I had the boat "Evangeline" in the
Sat. & " 13th } water, by 10. A.M.; but, Mr Ford delayed by his final acts till 4. P.M. One of his crew, failed to appear, & I sent Mavéké, for the vacancy.

I went to visit Laseni, who had arrived 4 days ago; and consulted with Anyentyuwe, about the ground on wh. she proposed building. My head-ache somewhat better. Heard that a Mpongwe R. C., candidate for a Sister of Charity, had laid aside her vocation, & will marry Augustus Boardman. On the 13th, busy at the storehouse, with getting goods for Mr. Schmatz, German steamer, from South, daily expected. Laseni called to see me. A great crowd of women came past the gate, to witness a female fight on the prairie. I turned some of them back, and, when they were dispersing, barred their return up my premises. They obeyed: but, seeing that they left slowly, I sent for police, who arrived after the crowd had gone. Anyentyuwe came to do my week's mending. Awora Ryder died suddenly yesterday, and was buried on the prairie-graveyard, to-day. New moon yesterday.

Sabbath June 14th. Dark Dry-Season morning; but, the day grew bright later on. Laseni at ch.; also Will Lewis. Deacon Ntyâno absent. Mrs Pratt taught

his class. Akera Governor came, ½ hour before church, & attended church, - the first time for 18 months; With Mr. McEwen came also Messrs Monroe & Johnson, of H. & C. Rev. G. L. Bates had arrived also early this morning, from up river. He had met Mr. Ford on the way, and said Mr. F. had had a very good journey. After afternoon service, Egalinga came to report the people had set the prairie on fire, at the rear of my premises. I went out with my 3 Fang and extinguished it near the fence near the house. Night clear; pretty young moonlight. Very strong wind.

Monday, June 15. At usual work.. The German steamer came in, about 11. A.M. Preparing for the going of Rev. & Mrs Schnatz to-morrow, on the steamer. Only a few at evening prayers. After prayers, Sonie came to get some medicine. Went to Mrs Pratt's, to see if she was going to-morrow, on the steamer. Loaned Mr. Schnatz my hypodermic syringe.

Tuesday, June 16. A very busy morning; several parallel lines of works. H. & C. sent up a lot of goods

that had come a week ago, by "Teneriffe"; fish was waiting to be bought; I was to get some supplies of food, for Mrs Pratt on her journey; the wagon was to be sent to Bushnell, to bring up fire-wood; the H. & C. goods were to be verified & stowed away; and, at 11. A. M., we went, with Rev & Mrs Schnatz to Wäërmanns, to embark; but the journey was deferred till 4. P. M. In afternoons, at Revision, sent Massaweda's fish to Oyongwe, directing work on the new wood-shed. At 4. P. M., again went to Wäërmanns; Rev & Mrs S. went aboard, money to be supplied to Mr. Bates; spent the evening in running out the per-cents of H. & C's bills.

Wed., June 17. A cold dull morning; but, the day grew warmer. Spent the morning in the store-house, with Iveke, opening bales of cloth. Mr. Ford returned from Angom, with quite a successful journey. In afternoon, my Revision was interrupted by a fire on the prairie near my outline fence. Had to go, with the men, and control the fire. At tea-table, Mr. Ford called me to account, for my objecting

to furnish ~~the~~ Ogoboni's Bible-Class with Bibles, the while I think that the natives should buy their own books.

Thursday June 18th. Sat up late last night, full of indignant thoughts, about the untrue and unjust charges made at the supper-table. Unable to sleep, I wrote a careful copy of my Disposition of my goods in Africa, for case of my death. Did not retire till after 1. A.M. Chilly morning. Refused to go to breakfast. Wrote 2 short letters. At Storeroom, people were promptly on hand, to buy mosquito-netting, - sold 5; the people have been wanting them, for many months. Had a long talk with Mr Ford, & it closed favorably. At Revision again. Trying to hurry the workman, at the building of the wood-shed. Ntyango came down, from Angom, with Mr. Ford; Mr. Marling's mail will come tomorrow; and Mr. Ford expects to leave on Sat'y.

Friday June 19th. Many jobs, in the morning. Revision, as usual. Hurried the work on the wood-shed. Started Iveke at trimming the orange trees. Elder Adande made his report of his itinerations at Sebange. Was

disappointed that the French mail did not come to-day. But the delayed Batanga mail from Bata, arrived by trader's cutter: 3 letters for me, from Mrs De Heer, from Rev. Hickman, and from Sister Bella, Batanga: containing full accounts of Mrs Roberts' death, on May 20th.

Sat. June 20. By 6.15. A.M., saw a French steamer, apparently coming from South. Supposing Mr. a Mrs. Gacon was on board, sent Iveke at 7. A.M., to the steamer for them: and, at 7.30, I went to telegraph office, to send telegram of Mrs Roberts' death. Doubt whether the steamer was the "Stamboul" from Europe, or "Thibet" going to Europe. At Treasury, saw Mr. Fildes, who said it was the "Stamboul". Met Masângâ, who had been sent to get the mail. The "Evangeline" broke its chain, on attempting to anchor it on its return. Sent the crew to eat their food early, in order to go again to another steamer, wh. was appearing to be the "Thibet". The "Lafayette" arrived at 11.30 only, in good time for the outgoing mail steamer. Mr. Ford was delayed in his packing, and did

not get away till 3.30 P.M., having remaining only 1 hour; & in time to stop at Plateau Custom-House for his trunk. Went with him to the pier, to see him off. On returning, Aingentyeri had arrived with my week's wash, & told me of Ainsley's attempt to occupy the site of ground, on wh. Aingentyeri wishes to build; also, of her going to Plateau, to get cession of the ground from Government. Paid her a supply of cloth, from the new goods recently arrived. Reaction, after the excitement of the past week, of Mr Ford's going. Cool night. (This morning, the thermometer marked 63°.)

Sabbath June 21st. A Ball, in Elmwe town, kept up its drum-beating till after 7 A.M. Not a large number at church; and they were late in arriving. My Bible-Class was large. In afternoon, attendance was small. I had Rev. Bates assist, in the services. A good attendance at night. Somie spoke on the "curse of Ham": I added some remarks to show that it was Canaan who was "cursed", & curse was fulfilled in the destruction & enslaving of the tribes of Canaan by Joshua.

Monday June 22d }
Tuesday " 23d } No entries these days. On Monday
Wed " 24 }

I had the "Lafayette" housed, preparatory to painting it. On Tuesday, after supper went to Laseni's house to see him: he was evidently not at ease, being troubled about the attempt of Hinsley to build on his ground, & thus take a site wh. Anyentyuwi had selected for herself. At that night, I sat up late, writing to Mr. Marling.

On Wed. 24, busy getting the "Evangeline" off to Angom, this interfered with my work at Revision. Boat, started about 11.30 A.M., with Rev. Bates returning up-river. After Inquiry Class, in afternoon, Anyentyuwi came to get goods from the store, with wh. to pay a man for building-materials, for the house she will build preliminary to the permanent one she will erect next year.

Thursday June 25th. Osuka-Kâkâ was at morning prayers; she looked thin and hungry, & I sent her some dried fish. At Revision, Near noon, came a small mail, by Akâmâ steamer, from St Thomé island. A good letter, from niece Belle Gasman, and a long letter from Bro. Bannerman, telling of Mrs B's

surgical treatment in the N. York Presb. Hospital; and of their probable inability to leave America until August. At dinner table, Mrs Ogden speaking of her house-cleaning, in expectation of the coming of the Bannermans, I kindly offered to give up my rooms (the best in the house) for either herself or the Bannermans; and she took offense, - why I do not know, I bore it quietly; but felt fevered; and, after the close of Revision at 3.30 P.M., took my 2 letters, to share the pleasure of the reading of them with Mrs B.'s friend, Anyentyuwe; and did not return till supper-time, Felt as if I wd. have a chill.

Friday, June 26th } Rose with a headache on Friday, and
Sat'y " 27th } ate but little all day, and cd. do very little at Revision. A mason, "Johns", came to ask for Ellis' job of work, Roberts, carpenter, finished his job on the boat. Very smoky afternoon. The Government towing ashore the abandoned hulk of the Guard-ship.

On Sat'y. was well again. Grass all cut; &, in the afternoon, burned it, in the field in front of the house. Mr. Ibia came, in the morning; but, had trouble all day with the Customs Officer. In the evening, he told

me about the efforts of his enemies to have him banished from the island.

Sabbath June 28th. Dark in morning; but, the day became bright and warm. Rev. Ibia preached in morning. I was grieved and ashamed, to discover, in the morning, that no bed had been made for Mr. Ibia in the lower-house. (I had provided him food at Adande's, & the room in lower-house; & Mrs Ogden had gone to have the room swept out, & I had supposed she had provided bedding). After dinner, I got out bedding, and made up the bed for him. Lucina was absent from Sab. Sch., sick; also, Anyentyuwa came late, not being very well. After afternoon Service, I asked Mrs Ogden for a pitcher of mine, wh. she had been using for guests in the spare-room. I do not know whether she guessed it was for Mr. Ibia: but, she did not seem pleased. And, in the evening, she did not go to church, — perhaps she was sick.

Monday June 29th }
Tuesday " 30th } morning of 29th. Women cleaning the church. Went to Plateau, with Mr. Ibia, to Custom House, —

to complete Declaration of his boat that came on Saturday. On the way back, stopped at many places,— Bettencourts,— tailor, Johnson's,— photographer, Labinjo,— at our Boat-house,— at H. & C.'s. H. & C. sent up six cases of Kerosene by Mr. Collings, who was sick with fever at the time. In afternoon, getting Mr. Ibiá his goods, from the store. On Tuesday, entering Mr. Ibiá's accts,— and paying orders. At the wood-shed, the workmen ^either very stupid or disobedient. Dismissed Ogula and Viviani for the day. Set Iveke at painting the boat "Christine".

Wed. 7, July 1st }
Thursday " 2d } A very busy day: Last night, had sat up making out Mr. Ibiá's boat papers; & having them ready, sent them by Masângâ, at 7.30 A.M. Got out the boxes for Mr. Ibiá, before breakfast, as he wanted to make an early start. Paid all the workmen their month's wages. Was much annoyed at some Sierra Leone canoe, who came to buy. Masângâ returned with papers proper; but, without the Permit of Navigation, with Douane's ^written request for a "Definitive Déclara^na^tion". I did not know whether the making

out of this additional paper wd. necessarily delay the boat. Sent Masânga back to inquire, and also to get the Permit of Navigation. He returned by noon; I had gone, at about 9. A. M., on Masânga's first return, to the Commissary's with the papers, but he was not in. By noon, he was in & the boat began to be loaded. Immediately after dinner, at 1. P. M., I started to Plateau to show my Definitive Declaration to the Douanes, if it was correctly made out. On the way, passed the boat-house, and found the Mira just embarking. Went on to Plateau: my declaration was right. On returning, met Lasani going with Ogongwo, & Lydia Emy, to visit at Anwondo. Stopped, for a few minutes, to tell Anyentyuwe, of my plans for her house. Back to Baraka by 3. P. M., to Inquiry Class. Large number present, looking toward Session examination next Friday. Good prayer-meeting, in evening.

On Thursday. Had some headache. Several of the workmen away. At Revision again: but, was hindered by many jobs and calls elsewhere.

Friday, July 3d
Sat. " 4th
Sabbath " 5th
Monday " 6th
Tuesday " 7th

Made no entry on Friday. Anyentyuwe came, in the morning, about 10. A.M., to decide on the order she will make from Liverpool, of materials for a house. In afternoon, at Session-meeting. Received Akera-Mbembo (Mrs Mapako), Sēda wife of Olendigâvi, & Ntyuazukero. On Sat'y A.M., finished the Revision of Isaiah. Began to prepare my photos for mail. Suddenly, about 11. A.M., came vertigo, nausea, ague-chills. Ate no dinner. Was able to conduct Preparatory Service, only by sitting during the Sermon. On Sabbath, was better, though weak. Conducted all the morning, Sab. Sch., & Communion Services. Elder Ignwe also sick. On Monday, sent off the "Christine," to French steamer, to bring ashore Mr. & Mrs Gacon. Boat was met by steamer's-launch with Mr. Gacon, coming to tell me Mrs G. had died at 4. A.M.! He asked me to send for Anyentyuwe, to go on board with him, to prepare his wife's body for the grave. Anyentyuwe very soon was at the pier, & went with him. I notified the Factory people, & church-members. At noon, the boat

returned with Mr. G., Anyentyuwe & the coffin. Mrs. Lewis & Mary Boardman met it, at the pier; H. & C. sent people to help the wagon with the coffin, & put it in the ch.; & Anyentyuwe, with the other 2 women, & Kaya, covered it nicely with black cloth. I was almost with chill, & had to stay in doors. But, later, was compelled to superintend the grave, Ivake & Mesanga were so inefficient in directing the digging. Service at 4. P. M. The school-children assisted with a French hymn. After the exposure in the cold air, I felt very much like a chill, but covered up in the house. Was afraid to go out in the air, at night, to the Prayer-meeting; wrapped in my afghan, wrote a letter to Mary; and was early to bed before 9. P. M. On Tuesday, started the boat, with Mr. Gacon, immediately after breakfast, to the Plateau; and he pasted for me my photos, & the M. S. of Isaiah & Mea; wrote a letter to Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ Bannerman. After dinner, had a parting prayer with Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ Gacon; and, at 2.15 P. M. left the house, and at 2.30. P. M. he left the pier for the steamer. A very sad parting. At Revising again; began on Proverbs.

About 4. P.M., Mrs Ainsley came, to get something from her boxes in my care in the depot-store. And, about 5. P.M., Anyenzuwi ~~left~~ sent for her usual weekly supply of food. Mr. Bacon left, as thanks for special attention, $5.00 for Anyenzuwi, $5.00 for ~~the~~ school, and $4.00 for the church.

Wed'y, July 8th. In better health. Many jobs needing to be done; but, I occupied with Revision; and Iveke occupied with boat-painting. Johns, the mason, began, to-day. Was annoyed at the mason & also Iveke coming, after 1.30 P.M., when I am busy with Revision, to ask me for things themselves should have thought of before. Small number at Class-Inquiry. After class, went to see sick Emunguwi; and Sâyele. Small attendance at Lecture.

Thursday, July 9th } No entry, Routine Revision. After
Friday " 10th } W. F. M. S., in afternoon, Anyenzuwi & Mrs Ainsley came, to get some goods from their boxes in the store. [On Wed'y 7, I had strong suspicions that paint, used by Iveke for boat-painting, was being stolen for painting a certain house in town, & suspected him]. On Thursday, I spoke of the matter; my suspicion of him was

somewhat removed; but, I still believe that the paint was stolen. On Friday. At Pension, Proverbs. Also, doing carpenter-work with Ivake on the wooden arch for my proposed gate-way, wh. carpenter Robert had spoiled.
Sat'y July 11'. Many jobs to-day: entirely finished the wood-shed, by a padlock on the door. Finished the alteration of the length of the beam for the road-way arch: set men at cleaning rust from the old iron belonging to Mr. Menkel's blacksmith shop: the mason not skillful, in getting his pillar either square or level with Ellis' pillar: An English steamer "Niger" came in; at first, I thought it was from South. It brought mail from Batanga, & America, Mary has her bicycle!. And, from William's Pastor, Rev. W.P. Lee, was very much gratified with the mis'y letter I wrote them. Clear starry night.
Sabbath, July 12' } Began the day with head-ache, but
Monday " 13' } it wore off. Eng. steamer came in, from South. Just after church, came Dr. Rimmer(?), doctor of the steamer, with note to Mr. Ford from Dr(?) Snyder, of Southern Presb. Bd., on his way home sick. In absence of Mr. Ford, Mr. R. gave the letter to Mrs

Ogden; and when he soon left, I sent a box of oranges with him. Was annoyed, in afternoon, during service, by Plateau people target-firing, in rear of Baraka, & slaves carrying building materials across these premises.

On Monday. Beginning of the 2 days of National Fête. Target-firing ~~at~~ almost all morning; I went, about 9. A.M. Met several white traders; among the rest, Mr. Stokes of "Ukâkâ" Beach. The mason doing his work very poorly. Think he was under influence of liquor. Small Meeting, in evening;- I fear many drawn away by attractions at the Plateau.

Tuesday, July 14 } Was displeased that the school-teachers
Wed'y " 15 } absented themselves from the morning

~~at~~ assuming that there w'd. be no school.

In afternoon, at 2. P.M. excused all the remaining workmen, dressed in light clothes: warm sun: started to Plateau: near Izuwa town, saw Mad'e. Bizet & Akande coming after me; &, a little farther on, found Oyongwe waiting to join us. Walked with them till near Plateau, & then they went on, & I, with my Fang carrying my bundle of clothes, went to Mr. McEwan's, & left the bundle

and went to the playground, met Mmes Galarza, Stokes, Mr Evans, Gonzalez, Fildes, & others, & Messrs Marquez, Bizcal, Le Divellec, & others. Plays, - with the tub of water, & the pole to pierce the hole in its board; blindfolded to cut strings suspending prizes, money in a meal tub; &c. Very warm; no seats. Everyone anxious to take a chance at cutting. Waiting anxiously for the her mother, Argentina; she did not come till after 4. P.M. The brass band. The company of Orange dancers. Left at 5. P.M. Went to Mr Evans's & rested my feet, & ate supper. At 7. P.M. went out to see Illumination (did not begin promptly.) Place for Fireworks changed; a long walk to find it: found it near the barracks. They began at 7.45; several were failures. Mr. & Mrs Ainsley came; she told me Argentina was left behind "near the Garden"; I went to bring her to the fireworks. Cd not find her at Peter's. Mr McEvans helped me. Returned. Fireworks over by 9. P.M. Returned to Mr Evans's with him; but, first, went down to Mr. Marquez, to see if Argentina was there; did not see her. Returned to Mr Evans's & dressed. At

the Soiree, by 9.45. (Must have passed Anyentyuwa on the way.) Met most of the dignitaries at the Soiree. Left at 11. P.M. Went to Mr Ewen's, changed my shoes, and walked alone toward Baraka. Anxious to know what had become of Oyongene & Anyentyuwa, I stopped at her house on the way, and recounted to her the events of the evening. At midnight, near Baraka road, was challenged by the patrol, all right. Entered the house quietly, & soon was asleep by 1. A.M.

Wed 15. Slept only from 1. A.M. to 6. A.M. Cool dark morning. Villagers very quiet. Not all workmen returned. Ogwéno came to buy. Mrs Ogden joked her about not going to yesterday's amusements. She laughed, & said that she was old, but that I, being young, went! Mr Stokes, of Ukâkâ Beach, came at 11. A.M., for dinner, & left at 2.30. I felt very sleepy. Good Prayer-Meeting in evening.

Thursday July 16. Very sound night's sleep. Resumed Revision routine again. Mr. Stokes (of H. & C.) Ukâkâ Beach, at dinner. I still felt very drowsy. Mr. Fildes at supper.

Friday, July 17. Before prayers, got a ½ barrel of flour for Mrs. Ogden, from the store. The mason at work again. Wrote a letter to son William. At Revision routine. In afternoon, again at Revision; felt tired, with no exercise. Went out to direct the repair of fence, & found hidden a bunch of bananas which Otoko had stolen; he denied the theft; but, it was proved on him.

Sat'y, July 18. Informed Mrs. Ogden that I did not wish Otoko in my room. During the day, Otoko deserted. A French steamer came in. At Revision, in morning. In afternoon, wrote to Rev. Gault. The roadway arch finished. A discussion, at the table, about mistakes of former missionaries. Some stealing last night; &, to-day, the thieves were caught, Fang. The "Evangeline" came from Angom with mail.

Sabbath, July 19 }
Monday, " 20 } A chilly day, but quiet. Small audience in morning. Felt quite free in afternoon, service. After church, went to see Elder Adande, who was suddenly taken sick. Anyentyuwa, sick, was not out all day. French mail came in, from

north; and, about 10. P.M., I was awakened, by a knock of a post-office clerk who voluntarily had brought our mail; small quantity. A good letter for me from May and Mrs Todd. Very busy in Monday morning; notes to H. & C., about time of boat returning to Angom; to Woërmann's, about Mr. Marling's stockfish. And, paying orders for Mr. Marling's people. Expected to write to May but did not; Anyentyuwi came, & with her I finished the long heavy letter to Capt. Holt of Liverpool, about the order for her house. Sent mail, in afternoon. At Reading's again. Good Prayer-meeting, at night.

Tuesday, July 21st }
Wednesday " 22d }
Thursday " 23d }

On Tuesday morning, about 10.30, had the "Lafayette" put in water, for journey next day; at 3.01, P.M., Mr. Williams of H. & C. sent me a note saying ~~that~~ the boat was full of water. Sent word hastily to Iveke, who had the men at the water side, and Ntyango also came. When I hastily followed to waterside, was amazed ~~and~~ indignant to see that Iveke was doing nothing, and had done nothing, nor taking any interest in the boat's safety. Was very much depressed. Calmed my mind, with a walk to

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Had the boat bailed out again at 9. P. M.

~~to~~ Anyentyuwe's ∴ On Wed'y A. M. had the boat again bailed, at 6.30. A. M. It was leaking less, and I went on with arrangements for its return to Angom, with a load of goods. After much delay, it got off heavily laden, after 12 noon. At afternoon Inquiry Class, I was so annoyed at Ogwera's yawning aloud that I adjourned ~~th~~ the meeting.

On Thursday. Kero & Senge, wages paid; waiting for German steamer, to take them to Cape Lopez and Ogowe. The Revision work is very confining, & I felt very tired, and somewhat feverish. Augustus Boardman making arrangements for his marriage, but very neglectful of courtesies and of church duties. Went to see Anyentyuwe, who is sick, after supper. A lonely quiet evening.

Friday, July 24 } Have made no entries. Do not
Sat'y " 25 } remember Friday's events.
Sabbath " 26 } On Sat'y, was Ogden busy helping cook for A. Boardman's marriage-feast. About 11. A. M., he & his new-married wife, & about 50 fellows came, dressed very much, to salute us, just from the civil

Ceremony. In the afternoon, they had their feast. And, at night, it was turned into a drunken fight, by people from adjacent villages! I was lying down most of the afternoon, feeling nauseated and feverish.

On Sabbath, weak, but attended to all Services. For a wonder, the Romanist, Madam Bizet, came with Anyentyuwe to Sab. Sch. Mr. McEwen, of H. & C., was at afternoon church, & stayed to tea. A little Dry Season rain, the first for 2 months.

Monday, July 27th } Felt unusually well. Started the men
Tuesday " 28th } at the work of clearing mud away, from ~~the~~ side of ~~the~~ spring-house, for the mason to get at its foundation. After breakfast, went to H. & C., to get loan of Krooman, to bodily lift up the house from its foundation, to an addition to be built on the old foundation. Anyentyuwe came, to get supplies and to withdraw her accumulated $500., to place it in the hands of Mr. Strohm of Woltz, on deposit, for payment of materials for her house when they come. Began to feel sick at 11. A.M.; &, by 12., was covered with blankets, fearing a chill. Remained under cover all

the afternoon. Was not able to attend evening Prayer-Meeting. On ~~Wedy~~ Tuesday, Up, but weak: after morning prayers, stayed in doors. Several calls: Mr Oduka, Atyuwa-Kâkâ; and Ainsley came to get nails, but I cd. not go to store; and Mrs Lewis, for her monthly report; and Lasemi, to talk of return to church. In afternoon, A. Boardman and his wife called here. Having the floor of the kitchen raised, Warm morning, but cold evening.

Wedy July 29th. Did not feel strong. After breakfast, 5 men waiting to sell fish, and Fang with ducks & fowls: but I refused the Fang. Went to the spring, to inspect the work there. At the storehouse, the Fang were troublesome, unable to believe that I would not sell an axe for their fowls. Feared fever was coming, and lay down. Ainsley's man came for nails too late. Worked at Revision only 1 hour. And only 1 hour after dinner. Had sent away, for the day, Viviani and Ambuera, for idleness. Mason slow, in afternoon. After Inquiry-Class, at 4. P.M., went to H. & C, & finished paying yesterday's bill of over $500. A good attendance, at evening Prayer-Meeting.

Thursday July 30th. Feeling well again. Still refusing to buy the ~~too~~ abundant fowls that come for sale. At 9. A.M., came Mr. Fildes men, to help set the spring-house down on its new foundations. The messenger from Durand came, for the copper nails he had asked for 2 days ago. And the chief of Public-Works sent for some, — the kind he wanted were exhausted. In afternoon, after Revision, went to Plateau, and made return call for the Soiree of the 14th. On the way back, stopped at Lasserre's, and had a talk with him & Auzentyame. Cool, clear night.

Friday July 31st. A variety of jobs. Paid off the masons. Last night, after I had gone to bed, came the postman with mail. Only one letter for me, — one from Rev. Orville Reed, about application to Board of Ministerial Relief for Mrs Good. In afternoon, went to H. & C's, and ordered some supply of tins of beef, for Ibola's use. The work on the spring-house finished well yesterday. The new clay floor on kitchen finished to-day. Difficult to know what Mrs Ogden wishes of things to be done; and difficult to know when she is satisfied. I think it a mistake that I consented to

be associated here with her, at Dec. last annual meeting at Batanga. Will ask the Mission, next Dec., to locate me elsewhere.

Sat. 7 Aug. 1st. Pay-day at the store house. Engaged 2 men, Angila and Kabinda, for Anyentyuwe's service, in carrying stones for foundation of her proposed house. Trimming off the dead fronds of the Borassus palm. Nkove came, to ask if she might bring her sick husband, to show me an obscure swelling on his chest. Carpenter Roberts came, to say good-bye, going to work down at Fernan Vaz.

Unexpectedly, the "Lafayette" came, from Angom, to take Boardman and his wife back. Went down at P.M. to get H. & Co's men to help house the boat; they were just returning from German steamer (wh. had come in running, for wh. I wrote letters to Bata & Benito, & by wh. Lasemi returned to Batanga.). Some delay. Did not get back till 6.30. Nkove & her husband were waiting for me. I cd. do nothing for him. (Had had to give back, to a Fang, a bundle of iguma, for wh. I had given him an order on H. & C.; & he returned with the order.) Just as I sat down to supper, Anyentyuwe came,

and I had to get her supplies. So, I did not eat my supper till after 7. P. M. prayers.

Sabbath Aug. 2d. Chilly and damp morning. No upper-coast people at church, in morning, from Plateau. Suppose they were at DeBrazza's embarcation on steamer, for his visit South. At dinner, an unpleasant talk; I had denounced as wicked the closing of a door of return for a woman going away from virtue, wh. Mrs Ogden has praised as right, in case of a native woman here. At afternoon service, I felt very free in speaking in church. Messrs McEwen, Cattings, and Monroe, were present. After church, Messrs Establier and Mr Feutrier, the Govt. Treasurer, called. Good Monthly Concert in evening.

Monday Aug. 3d } Toke repairing "Evangeline" for its ~~journey~~
Tuesday " 4th } journey tomorrow, to Angom. Anyentyuwa came to put her things in order, expecting to go soon, on a visit across river, to King Adande-Râpântyâmbi. Preparing papers, for Douane, for "Evangeline". In evening, after prayer-meeting, wrote long letter to Mr Marling.

Tuesday. Completed Douane papers. The crew very

dilatory, none about, at 10. A.M. When I thought them gone at 11. A.M., came a note from H. & C., proposing detaining them, for goods he had to send to Mr. Marling; but I objected. Near noon, to my surprise, Mrs Boardman came hurriedly to say she w^d not go, if some Fang, who had put themselves in the boat, did not leave. I went down with her, and ordered out 4 Fang and their baggage: refused to let Boardman's servant go, because he was not on passenger-list. Allowed Lydia Ezung to go, although she was not on passenger list. Augustine had come, in morning, to say her journey across river was delayed. Feel much better, since I have shortened my hours of work on Revision.

Wed'y, Aug. 5th } At noon of the 5th, came Joseph Akanda, the
Thursday " 6th } court-interpreter, with message from the Judge (one of the committee of School-inspection) saying that, at 4. P.M., they w^d be here to visit the school. I notified the children to be sure to be present, & Mrs Ogden prepared coffee; but, the committee did not come. I had gone, in morning, to Plateau, to try and buy onions for Mrs Ogden,— but Bettencourt's were too

costly. Also, went to Dr. Pelissier, to inquire about a bill for medicines, wh. I thought was not all for the mission, but probably included some Mr Ilolo had got. On Thursday. The "Roquelle" was seen coming in. Sent to Plateau for Renik, to get onions on steamer. ~~Sent~~ & also for mail. Waited, possibly ~~the~~ school-committee would come. They did not. At 10. A.M., I went to "Roquelle". Saw Capt. Gibson, Purser Renik, & 2d officer. Biette; & bought a big bag of onions for $2.50. In afternoon, also waited for School-committee until 4. P.M. And ~~then~~ went to see Angentyuar, who was sick. A large mail of newspapers.

Friday Aug 7: Still looking for the French Examining School Committee: they came neither morning or evening. Vexed at the teachers allowing idlers to come to the school-house on errands. Am feeling better since I have reduced hours of Revision work. Daughter Mary's 12' birthday anniversary. A cool bright day.

Sat'y Aug. 8: Expecting School-committee, I delayed until 10. A.M. going to Plateau, to pay a bill for medicines. Just at 10. A.M.; came ~~[illegible]~~ Mrs Anderson, to tell about the man whom she had sent, at my permission, to cut

Indian lumber, had cut a path leading out on to the prairie, toward her house. I went with her to the path, and was much annoyed at its being made, & she promised to have it closed. Came back, & at 10.20, started to Plateau, telling Iveke to send Etuka after me. When half-way there, I found it was Ogula, – sent him back, with word for Etuka to come. At Travers before 11, & paid the bill: Went to Brandon's, and had a Bill of Exchange for $100. cashed: went to Durand's, – on to Dannas, & was paid $2., for my copper nails. Back to Durand, for boards: were none: Back to Dannas, for boards: door was closed for 11.30. Back to Baraka. Met the other Fang coming, – ordered him around, for I wanted Etuka. Reached Baraka, in time to give out food, & to tell Iveke, who had disobeyed me about Etuka, that I did not want him any more to-day. Very tired, – too tired to enjoy food. At 1.30. P.M., Mrs Ainsley came to say that she had closed the path. None of my people working, – they came too late. After Reunion, at 3. P.M., went out on prairie, to Mrs Ainsley's new house, to

see whether the path was really cleared; and walked through the bushes, to see whether any workman was hidden.

At 4.30, went to call on Madame Bizet, and thence to Anyentyuwe's. Counted the stones the her 2 men had been carrying for foundations: and returned to supper. At 7. P.M., she came to prayers, & stayed till 9. P.M., mending my clothes.

Sabbath, Aug. 9th } Drumming at Agowe's kept up till near
Monday " 10th } 7. A.M., And then, for 3 hours, some negro (I think from Plateau) was around on the prairie, with his shot-gun at birds. Benga visitors at church were noisy, and annoyed me. The rest of the day quiet; quite cool. On Monday. Was much annoyed to storehouse; I object to being called "tangani". Wrote to Dr. Gosman, and to niece Belle Gosman. Late in afternoon, Anyentyuwe came to buy medicine.

Tuesday, Aug. 11th } At morning, word came tt the School
Wed'y " 12th } committee wd come at 4. P.M.
Thursday " 13th } I received them at 3.30 P.M., in the house, introduced them to Mrs Ogden, & then they went into the School-room. The classes composed my

unfavorably with the large R. C. schools. After examination, the Committee came to the house, & coffee was served. On Wed. 7, the "Niger" came, from South. At 12. noon, I observed smoke on the prairie near Lasen's house, & at 1. P. M., saw flames. Sent the workmen ahead to help; & I went around by the prairie, & found that the prairie in front of Lasen's had been fired, & the fire had spread past Lasen's, to Amelia's, and had burned her fine frame-house. Enemies began to charge Anyentyuwe with having started the fire. But, she had proof, by Mr Lewis, who had seen 2 other women with matches, at a spring where they were washing. Much excitement. Police came. I stayed till 3. P. M. & came to my Singing-Class. About 4.30, came Mr. Thomas of Holt's, saying that the trader, Mr. Deacon, had come from South with paralysis, was at hospital, & asked that Mrs D. might stay here at night. Mrs Ogden assented. In evening, after 8. P. M. Prayer-meeting, Mr. Hudson of H. & C., made a call; had arrived from Ogowe on "Niger", that day. Soon came Mrs Deacon, escorted by Mr. Thomas and the French agent of the Fraissinet steamer.

~~Str~~ line. On Thursday, Mrs Deaton walked to Hospital. In afternoon, Anyentyuwe came, to tell me the sequel of the police investigation about the fire. Mrs Deaton returned, in time for supper.

Friday, Aug. 14 } Usual routine, except ~~so~~, in morning, I
Saty. " 15 } went to the Durand factory, near tailor Johnson's, & engaged building pickets; and, returning, sent Isoke & wagon for them, - 70 poor ones. In evening, Mr. Hudson brought me Bill of Hardware, from America.

Sat. y. 15. The boxes of Hardware were brought up, - took 3 hours, - much longer than Mr. Fildes w'd have taken. Several workmen away, at some R. C. fête. In afternoon, went, about 4.30, to count the stones brought by Kabuida this week. Before I went, a woman, relative of King Adandi, came, under influence of liquor, to ask me for my bistoury, to take to town, to open an abscess. She was very incoherent, & I w'd have nothing to do with her, while with liquor. Trouble at supper-time.

Sabbath. Aug. 16 } The morning, quiet; but, Ukukwe in
Monday " 17 } Izuwa village, in afternoon. About 3. P. M., Mr. Prosset suddenly arrived on vacation, from

Benita, via Eloби, on French gun-boat. He and Mr. Mc Ewen at supper. On Monday; resuming work at kitchen-building for the lower house: Isoke finishing painting "Christine" boat. In afternoon, Anyentyuwe came, with a woman, to buy a sewing-machine & was annoyed about the price, - and her staying here so long till near supper-time. Good Prayer-meeting. Some music, by Mr. Presset, in evening, on organ.

Tuesday, Aug. 18th } On Tuesday, the mail, from France, came,
Wed'y " 19th } but nothing for me. Began a letter to May. In evening, about 7 o'clk, Mrs Marling suddenly arrived, by "Como" steamer, from Angom; also Mr. Bates. And, Mrs Deakin came late back from hospital. While I was writing, at 9.30, came a messenger from Dr. Pelissier, asking Mrs D. to come, as Mr. D. was worse. I went with her, to the hospital. Mr D. had been bled, - and was breathing less suffocatingly. I Returned late to Baraka, leaving Mrs D. at the hospital. On Wed'y. sent Isoke, in large canoe, with Mr. Bates, to "Como", for Mrs Marling's baggage, and was vexed at his sending the

man, & not going himself. And at noon, found a fish-barrel open in the food-house, where only he had been: it looked suspicious. At 2.30 P.M., came word, from Dr. Pelissier, that Mr. Deakin was dead. Mr. Prassat and Mrs Marling went to Plateau, to comfort Mrs Deakin. Revision of Proverbs was finished yesterday; and I got it ready for.

Thursday, Aug. 20th }
Friday, " 21st }
Saty. " 22nd }
Mrs Marling was expecting Anyentyuwe early on the 20th; but, she did not come till afternoon, being occupied by investigation of the loss of 3 of Mr. Hudson's shirts she was washing. I escorted her to her house, in evening; Was indignant at some insulting remark Mrs Ogden had made to her, about Mpongwe marriages with white men, as if they were all mercenary. On Friday, Mrs Marling much disappointed ~~Mr~~ Anyentyuwe did not come to her sewing; she was still delayed by her supposed theft: & found it was no theft, but an error of Mr. Hudson's clothes list. She came & sewed, in evening.

On 22nd. At 9.30, I sent the "Christine", with crew, to

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take Anyentyuwi across river, to have medicine made. In afternoon, began to gather things, for my own journey on Monday. Went to Lasenie's house, to count Kabinda's week's work of stones (for mason-work). While there, an irwombie snake (resembling a Cobra) was seen crossing the field near a woman & child. I ran after it, & it ^raised showed fight, - but, I disabled it, and another man came up with a long pole, and gave the finishing stroke on its head. A note, by returned "Christine", at 6. P. M., from "Anyentyuwi", of her successful crossing of the river; and an invitation from King Adande, to see the fish killing, in the Dry-Season Ponds at his place. Expect to go on Monday. Messrs Presset & Bates went to Angom.

Sabbath, Aug. 23d Monday " 24th Tuesday " 25th Wed'y " 26th Thursday " 27th Friday " 28th Sat'y " 29th Sabbath " 30th	On Sabbath, a small attendance; and very small attendance at Sab. Sch: missed 2 of the teachers of Primary, - Egaluga and Anyentyuwi; Mrs Marling not very well, and she did not attend morning Service, but was present in afternoon; also Mr. McEwen, who came to tea, and remained till 8.30 P. M.

On Monday: After morning prayers, started Ivake and a crew of 3 to the boat-house, to get "Christine" ready for my journey across river: gathering together a few last articles. Wrote a memorandum of advices to Mrs Ogden, to aid her in her charge of the Station during my absence; and, she went with me to the Store at 8. A.M., to see how I conducted payments, so as to know, if she needed to go, in my absence. Sent down my luggage to pier. Left house at 8.30. At pier, Mrs Lewis and her 3 children were in boat by permission, (Thomas, Evungetânâ, and Ogula) Albert was there without permission, and I told him to get out. Sea smooth. Started at 8.45;- rowed all the way: was not at all sea-sick. Landed at an imbâgâ (fishing hamlet). at 11.30 A.M.: discharged luggage. Joseph Lewis & some other boys, with canoe, ferried us across the inside lagoon. Left Ivake & his crew of 3 to eat, and immediately to go back to Baraka. Luggage carried up to King Adandi's: his reception; Anyentyuwe & Oyongumo came to salute. All the village had already gone to the forest, near the ponds, to prepare a camp. A good

dinner with nicely fried fish. About 3. P.M., started, with 2 days clothing & food, with Mrs Louis & her family, Anyentyuwa & her, & King Adande & his in 2 canoes. Most of the women walked the beach. Landed on edge of prairie, & walked a half-mile, to edge of a forest, where the camp was being prepared. The pools wh. were to be fished were exceedingly low in their water. King A. had a bed-frame made for me, & my thick netting was put up, for a tent. Sang a hymn with a few of the Protestants. Did not get to sleep soon. Agreeably surprised that the night was not colder.

On Tuesday. Women & men & children, about 50, went to the pools, and bailed the water into the next upper pool. The King, his company & mine followed later, and saw the excited catching of fish in baskets. Ozyungwe was successful, though aided only by one boy. I was surprised at Mrs. Louis's greediness, she being aided by her 4 children. Leaches: water beetles: birds fishing at the ponds. Went back to camp, at 11. A.M. and ate fresh fish. A good day: not too bright a sun. Rested, & slept, and talked, in afternoon: and went

with axe to cut wood for Oyonguwi's fire, & dug her fish. Ate monkey meat, and land-turtle. Another night in the camp. On Wed'y, the camp broke up & most of the people left. The King, his wife, Mr Denis's a jamin & Anyentyuwi, Oyonguwi & I, ate our noon meal, & then crossed the prairie again, to the canoes. Fish come from the Bay at twin, & cross the prairie to seek their fresh-water ponds. Anyentyuwi's story of the "little people" (African "Brownies"). Stopped to walk the beach. Had heard, on Sunday, of the out-going of a steamer (wh. subsequently proved to be the "Como"). Nearing the King's village, heard that a R. C. "minister" was there; thought he was following my visit, & I felt indignant. But it proved not true: only the priest's boat, containing a sick man from the R. C. school. Enjoyed fresh fish. Reading book to Anyentyuwi, while she sewed. Retired early. On Thursday, Read a good deal to Anyentyuwi, while she sewed. In evening, an exhibition of native doctor fortune-telling. One was hired to tell fortunes for Anyentyuwi, Oyonguwi, & Mr Denis: His dish of water,

mirror; rice & other pay; torch; fire in mortar; passing of stick with fire reversely under the knee-pan; whited face; exclamations; slow & partial statement to gain time; little prophecy, — mostly description of character of those he already knew. On Friday, began to gather together my luggage. Was invited by King, to come & hear his school sing, was vexed at his choice of R. C. hymns, & told Anyentyuwe of it, & she told him; & he came & apologized, my Xmas plum-cake from Holts finally divided. Iveke came, by 10.30. A.M., & I announced journey for 12.30, It was 1.30, before we finally got the boat started, Light wind, & I allowed the sail to be up; but wind increased when half-across, & we landed at 3.30 P.M. Went to Douane's; & at Baraka by 4.00 P.M. Hearing news of Anyentyuwe's burial, on last Tuesday, (Wed'y). Of Mr Marling attempt to start up river in "Lafayette", last Wed'y, & final going on Thursday, Letter from bro. William, telling of birth of his son W. L. N. jr. On Sat'y news of death of Aeda; and her burial, in afternoon.

On Sabbath, a very small number at church & Sab. Sch., Mr Mc Ewen, at afternoon service, & supper. Went to see sick Landoreur; heard of the dance, Sat'y night, at Elume, and the stabbing of a young man, by Sierra Leone Davis.
Monday Aug. 31st. Went to Plateau, to borrow money from Holts. On the way, met Mrs Deakin coming here. She spent the day here, & Mr Strohm called, at 6.30, for her. I went to Plateau funeral of a Douane, at 4. P.M. In prayer-meeting, the leader's remarks seemed to be personal to another of the members.
Tuesday Sept 1st. Pay-day. Some employes dissatisfied. Iveke expecting to go to Corisco, for his marriage. Saw the canoe, from other side, bringing Augustyne, about 5. P.M. In morning, 2 lads had come, from other side, run-away from Heinz Alande's school; & had A long job of putting up the "Lafayette", in the boat-house, H. & C's men being unusually lazy. Mrs Deakin arrived, about 5.30 P.M. In evening, I went to welcome Augustyne on her arrival.
Wed'y Sept. 2d } In morning, showers. In afternoon, Mrs
Thursday " 3d } Deakin left, to return to Holts, to be ready for coming of English steamer, from South. Mrs

Ogden escorted her to Holts. After Pr. meeting, heard of the sudden death of a native woman living near Laseni's house. On Thursday, the English steamer came. Mrs Ogden went to Holts, to say good-bye to Mrs Deakin & I got ready a box of plants for her, wh. I expected to take myself in afternoon. But, Mrs Ogden returned at noon, saying the steamer expected to sail at once. So, I sent the box immediately, & did not go. But the steamer did not leave till 5. P.M. Went to a walk around the Prairie. Dark night.

Friday, Sept. 4. The usual routine: but, I did not feel very energetic. Bought bamboos, ignames, & chickens. Prepared exhibition card, for the njovi-wood writing-desk (given me by Mr. Gacon last April, for Mary) for the Concours Agricole of the Government, to be held tomorrow. About 2.45, P.M., while I was at Revision with Ntolo, was raised a death-cry near here, & I supposed it was Londonwe: true; Opanda came weeping, with the news. At 3. P.M., I went to the village, where the mourning was. After dark, came in the harbor the English out-bound mail. It was

due last Wed'y, - the "Boma".

Sat'y Sept. 5th. Cloudy morning, wh. soon became rainy. - Sent Jacumu, to go with Anyentyuwe, to place her dress on exhibition. Sent 2 men to carry my njove-wood desk to the Exhibition. Burial of Lendoreur, at 9. A.M. - Raining. Mail came, at noon; several letters, - one from daughter-in-law Bessie Nassau, Charles' wife: also from many. At 3.15. P.M. went to the Exhibition. Was surprised at the abundance & variety of vegetables raised by the Aninamites. Anyentyuwe's dress obtained a prize of two dollars. Was late returning, waiting for Oyongomo to be found. My subscription for Harper's Weekly, & Century magazine has begun.

Sabbath Sept. 6. Showery in morning; but, clear in afternoon. In afternoon, came in a Chargeurs Reunis steamer, on its way to Madagascar. Messieurs Establet and Trassaure Fautrier called, for a few minutes, about 5. P.M. Monthly Concert evening, [illegible] church, I went to visit the people of the village, where Lendoreur had died; - & to talk with her 2 sons. Mrs Ainslee was at church in afternoon.

Monday Sept. 7. Woke about to-day, arranging for his visit to Corisco. While at Recision, Rev. Hay called, & I had to leave Recision. At 1.30 P.M., sent all the men, to get the "Christine" out, to take Mr. Hay to the steamer (French.). A steamer, on its way to Madagascar had entered the harbor yesterday. The "Borna", wh. had gone out, to Cape Lopez Sat'y evening, returned this morning, & was present a few hours, having forgotten its papers. While at Recision, in afternoon, Mr. Fildes came, to get [illegible], lanterns &c, & I had to leave Recision again.

A Sierra Leone black man, just arrived from Borna, came seeking work. Was disappointed that Anyentyuwe did not come to do my clothes-mending.

Tuesday, Sept. 8. My office-study being cleaned to-day. After Recision, in afternoon, went to direct building of the roof of lower Kitchen. Mrs Ogden was away in village of Landorewi[illegible] morning; while I was out, came Mary Bonneman, also some Fang, with thatch to sell, and Anyentyuwe for my week's mending. Was annoyed at her remaining till supper-time; & then being compelled to accept Mrs Ogden's invitation to her [illegible]-table.

Wed'y Sept. 9'. Wrote Anyentyuwa a short rebuke for her action of yesterday. Mr. Monroe, from H & C, brought the two missing rowlocks of the "Lafayette". My foot still quite sore, from its accident of Monday. Did not feel in good spirits. Removed some of my furniture in the study, wh. is to be also my bed-room. A death to-day of Owengi's gra[nd]daughter. Small attendance at evening Lecture.

Thursday, Sept. 10'. During the morning, Mr. Presset returned from Angom, in an Akele canoe, with Ntyango; Anyentyuwa and Akanda came, to see Mrs. Ogden. Have not felt [illegible] all day.

Friday, Sept. 11' } No record of Friday: felt out of
Sat'y, " 12' } sorts. On Sat'y, the kitchen of lower-house was ~~repaired~~ completed. Some repairs on the lower-house itself. Mr. Presset making cuttings of roses and other plants. Yesterday, dismissed Hukum. Rainy day. Went to Lasems house, to count the stones carried by Anyentyuwa & 2 Fang workmen. Gave her a copy of the disposition of my furniture &c in Africa, for her benefit, in case of my death.

Sabbath, Sept. 13th. Morning somewhat threatening; but, cleared off brightly. People in Elunue have, for 2 days, been investing "Old Antyenwi", of Mpiewi's town, as "King" of part of Mpongwe. Small attendance at church, in morning: good attendance in afternoon. Mr. Bassat leads music with the organ. Quiet day. Had not slept well last night, & did not feel well in A.M. but felt bright in afternoon.

Monday Sept. 14th } In morning, very sleepy, from
Tuesday " 15th } over-work of yesterday. In afternoon, went to Brandon's, & sold B. of E, for £100.

On Tuesday, rainy all day. In afternoon, went to German factory, to exchange 1000 francs in 5-franc pieces, into dixsous, but cd. get only 350 francs in dixsous.

Wed'y Sept. 16th. Morning showery. Busy sending a succession of notes to several factories, to get rope for rigging the "Lafayette". Steady work all day, - more notes; - Letter for mail, - Revision till noon; afternoon, Revision till 3. P.M., - Singing class. And then, recreated myself with setting out a few plants.

Got some goods to-day from Hatt's. In the "Journal Official", was the report of the Agricultural Exhibition of the 5th, and [illegible] of prizes.

Thursday Sept. 17: Weather threatening & showery. Omitted Reunion, in order to write letters. Late at night, [illegible] a long letter to [illegible], describing my Fishing-Excursion at Roi Denis. During the day, [illegible] for striking the children in school.

Friday Sept. 18 | Sat'y " 19 | Sabbath " 20 | Monday " 21 — On Friday morning, came "Evangeline", from Angom, with news of little Mabel's sickness, — request for medicine, — and for Mrs Ogden to go up. In afternoon, Mr. Presset went to Plateau, to get medicine, — and to arrange about returning to Benito on French steamer, of afternoon of 20th. Anxious, planning about Mrs Ogden's proposed journey to Angom. On Sat'y H.., arranged with H. & C., for them to make out papers for boat "La Fayette", sending goods only sufficient for ballast. Mr. Presset went to Plateau, and got the medicine. Put "La Fayette" into the water, and arranged about crew and [illegible].

A showery day. An absurd installation ceremony of King(?), of Old Antyuwe, of [illegible] village, as successor to the equally absurd Kingship(?) of the late [illegible]. [On Friday, Anyentyuwe had made acknowledgment of her displeasing me, some 2 weeks ago, and I forgave her entirely.] Got all Mr Presset's things in "Evangeline", and sent them with him to the steamer, on Sat'y afternoon. Got all Mr Ogden's packages ready. Sabbath morning opened cloudy; but, by 8. A.M., was clear. Ntyango early got the sails ready, & H. & C. put in their goods for Libreville; Mr Ogden's things were quietly sent down. And, after Mr. Presset & I had gone to church at 9. A.M., he went to the pier, & embarked at 9.30. After church, the boat was [illegible] down river; &, when tide fully flowed in [illegible], [illegible] of night up river before 2. P.M. Mr. Presset left, on foot about 2. P.M., and walked to the Plateau, to embark there.

Mail had come, on evening of 18, - parts of it continued to come, on Sat'y & Sabbath, by neglect of postal clerk. Clear day and night.

Monday also was a [illegible] day. Did not have much appetite for eating. In afternoon, [illegible] to Auyentyun, to assist her in marking out sites of her proposed dwelling and outbuildings. Some persons, last week, said they heard thunder. I heard none until this evening; it was slight and distant. No lightning yet, [illegible], I do not consider the [illegible] season has come yet.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 } Remarkable weather, that, whereas last
Wed'y. " 23 } week was showery every day, and we feared for Mrs Ogden, on her journey on morning of Sabbath 20, there has been no rain, day or night, now for 4 days!, notwithstanding, clouds and thunder.

On Tuesday, sent Auyentyun some fruit-trees and plants. Finished Revision of Daniel, and began on Revision of Ecclesiastes. A sailing vessel entered the harbor. Am eating very little these days.

On Wed'y, was displeased at Ozinna's lack of politeness, in his letter, — it seemed almost intentional, at Opanda's [illegible] with her in her annoyance, at Ozinna's dictatorial manner in [illegible]

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Thursday, Sept. 24th }
Friday " 25th } In the morning, Mons Baxar, from the Bureau of Public Works, stopped on his way, from having surveyed Anyentyuwe's plat of ground, to go to survey our cinteys; he wished for an English Grammar, to learn to speak to his native employes. And, yet, the Govt. had forbidden us to teach English! As he seemed to have been confused about Anyentyuwe's application for a title to the ground, after he was gone, I hastened to her house, found the ground marked out, and some misunderstanding. Usual Revision routine. Lonely sitting by myself in the evening. On Friday. Rain last night. German steamer came in. News, that, last night, Fang had attempted to rob Ntyango-negoma's Plantation house, near Lalala, — firing on him. He returned fire, and one Fang was killed. Ntyangonegoma at once delivered himself up to the authorities, who justified him, and released him. Went to Plateau. On the way, at Mpira's village, stopped to see Dzuma, on a church matter!! her assumption of authority over the Women's weekly

Prayer-Meeting. (2) the denunciatory character of her [illegible], in meeting, toward the fellow christian women. She was quite displeased with my rebuke (though I made it very mildly, & had saved her the greater shame of sending an Elder to her), and showed ill feeling, in saying she w^d no longer come to the prayer-meeting. Went on to Durand's and Dame's, to enquire about boards. At Post-Office, and got letter, that had just [illegible] by Gabon steamer. Stopped at market, & meeting John Jones there, left with him 1 franc to buy me fish, & gave him 10 cents to carry them to Anyentyuwi, for her to put into igẽwu (jomba) for me. Met [illegible], explained his misunderstanding of his surveying of yesterday. At Holt's, left some of the just-arrived letters, to be carried to Angom, by their cutter going that day. Returning, stopped, by 11. A.M. at Anyentyuwi, - told the news of the day, - and heard her remarkable story of the strange light and strange form she had seen, with Anyume, Ozyuguru, and the slave boy; - some w^d, in their

superstition, thinks they had seen a ghost. She saw a light ~~light~~ like a crescent, ~~it~~ changed to a star, which moved slowly about; by its light was seen a form ~~it~~ had a cloth, whose figure etc. she recognized, but no arms were seen, & the head & face were masked by some large plain object. The form took no notice of an empty bottle thrown at it. When she shouted, the points of light flamed out long; when all shouted, it turned slowly away toward Ameliâ's village, & suddenly disappeared. A crazy man? Searching for valuables of Amelia's burned village? But, the strange light is mysterious.

At supper, enjoyed the iguana with ngâga nut-gravy. By to-day's mail, came letter from Mrs Gertrude Pratt of Bata. The "Como" came in, this evening; probably some letters to-night or tomorrow.

Sat. Sept. 26. Letters did come last night, after I had made my entry. But, none for me. And, an hour later, came a negro marine, from the Capt. of "Como", offering (too late) Mr Ogden the passage up river, wh. had been asked for a week ago. I sent by the marine, for Angom, the letters wh. had

just arrived, for Mrs Ogden & her family. This morning, felt feverish, which continued all day. During the morning, Fato, wife of Lasani, came with a letter from him, about the care of his silver-ware. Was much annoyed, during the Revision, by the ab-sence of the notes made by Makanga and accepted by Ibolo. Did scarcely any work in the afternoon.

Sabbath, Sept. 27 }
Monday, " 28 } The quietest Sabbath I have known for many weeks, — no drum, — gun, — singing, — nor even pedestrians. Small audience, in morning. Several teachers absent. Iguna, in her bad spirit, for my rebuke of last Friday, stayed away from church & Sab. Sch.; the 2 other ch-members of her village following her example. Afternoon bright. Akera Governor came to see me, ½ hour before church; &, after church, came in with Mrs Lewis, & sang some of their former Girl-school hymns. After supper, went to see and pray with Lucina and her family.

On Monday felt feverish; but, kept at work; but, in afternoon, gave up, and went out, for out-door exercise. At night, much lightning up

east, and some thunder. My calculation, of months ago, that Rainy Season wd. not come before Sept. 27th, is almost exact.

Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Still feverish and weak. Usual routine of Revision. Felt better, in afternoon. Slight rain, in the afternoon. Went to Lucina's, to advise her to apply for the Bannermans' washing, when they shall arrive. And, on to Azyentyeni's, to see how her plans for housebuilding were going on. Was very much vexed at the slow work of one of the Fang, Angwe. Dark night. Only 2 persons at evening-prayers.

Wed'y, Sept. 30th. Felt better to-day. Usual Revision routine. Hired out 4 of the men, to build Azyentyeni's fence, for 2 days. In afternoon, French mail came in, but only 1 paper and 1 letter;—both for Mr. Marling. Elder Ignwe came to church session duties. Small attendance at Prayer-meeting.

Thursday, Oct 1st } Pay-day. A few showers, during
Friday " 2d } the day. In late afternoon, the "Como" arrived; and, thinking Mr Ogden might have come by it, from Angom, I went at 7.30. P.m.;

along the public road, if possibly to meet her. She did not come, nor was there any word from her or Mr. Marling. On Friday 2d a rainy morning. An English steamer from north was entering. I went off at 7.30, hoping the Bannermans were on board, but they were not, nor any word from them. Two hours later came the German steamer from south. Mail arrived, about 11. A.M. No Mission Letter. In afternoon, at Session meeting, several cases of discipline, — and 3 women received for baptism. A boat came, from Corisco, for Ibolo.

Saty Oct. 3d. A rainy day. Ibolo closed his work of Benga Mission, and started for Corisco. Bebidi, Mr. Ibia's daughter, also went with him. Heavy rain, at afternoon 3. P.M. Preparatory Service: small audience. The German and French steamers went out. (the English had gone yesterday.) Dark night: noise in the villages. Lonely evening by myself.

Sabbath Oct 4th
Monday " 5th
Tuesday " 6th

Was weak with diarrhea, and had to sit during part of the morning Services of Sabbath. Communion in afternoon,

three women, Njaso, Oguwĕra, and Aralako, were baptized. Njuli, (Izyuvi) in her ill-will, was absent from the entire services of the day. On Monday, sent for boards to Damas factory; but, the wagon came back with a note from Damas. In afternoon, went myself; but did not like his boards; saw better ones at Durandé. Engaged 50. Stopped at Anyentyuwi's, on the way back, to consult with her about boards for her proposed small out-house; decided she would not build now. On returning here, found a note arrived from King Adande, sending 200 fire-wood for sale.
On Tuesday, King Adande's men had the laziness to ask me for my men of wagon, to do their work of carrying the firewood from the beach!
Wrote a letter to sister Tillie; somewhat feverish. Lonely evening. Osyuka-Kâkâ had come in, during the day, to talk about Njuli's unsatisfactory doings.
Wed. Oct. 7. A bright clear day. Began a letter to Rev. I. H. Polhamus, of Asheville, N.C. Mrs Aniley visited me, in the afternoon. Feel sleepy; for my sleep last night was broken: suddenly waking,

I lay awake, I know not why; and, not hearing the watchman for a long time, dressed partly, and went out, at 3. A.M., and found him sleeping.

Thursday, Oct. 8th
Friday " 9th
Sat'y " 10th
Sabbath " 11th
Monday " 12th

Bilious headache on 8th; Did very little work. Attended the W.F.M.S, at 2. P.M., and handed them the receipt from America, for the $5:00, I had sent of their W.F.M.S, last year. The gratifying fact of Ogandaga presiding, & reading Scriptures fluently, who, 3 years ago did not know her alphabet. After I went from the Meeting, was reported to me a farewell remarks of Ogandaga, expecting to make a visit to her wicked relations, at Ozungu: "Pray for me. My people are very wicked. I think there is war there began. My mother is angry at my being a Christian, & says she will pull away my Christianity. But it is not on me, as a garment to be pulled off". After the meeting Anyentyuwe came, to look over some of her boxes.

On the 9th, still a headache. Think it was this day that [illegible] came to call on me.

On the 10th, wearied with my headache, I went to Lascoe's, for an emetic, to give me a ... vomit. On returning, weak from fasting and vomiting, saw the "Lafayette" coming down river; and, supposing Mrs Ogden was there, went with wheelbarrow, for her baggage at the Pier. But, she was not there. ... from Mrs ... of Mr Marling's sickness, and of a disagreeable quarrel of his employes, with ... for ... gun-boat ... The ... of ... troubled me. Ate a good dinner. But, having to go immediately out into the sun, to house the "Lafayette"; my head felt badly again. After resting, went, at 3. P.M., to consult with Mr. Hudson for an hour. Rested again, and, when ... came with my week's wash, I consulted with her. She left at 7. P.M. to ... for going to Mrs Emmy's Wedding Feast, - rain met her, and she remained at her house. On Sabbath, small attendance at church, though the day was fine. Very small Sab. Sch.; 7 teachers absent. And, exceedingly small

attendance at afternoon service. Felt dispirited, — as if there was some under-current of evil. After church, Lasani came to call on me. Heard that Agonjo, mother of Clara Holt, was dying. After supper, saw the Govt. interpreter, Joseph Akanda, shooting birds on the mission premises. Better meeting, in evening.

On Monday. Buying plantains, and thatch. After store-time, went to [illegible], and, through Mons Gaillard, made application for Mr. Marling's passage down, on the "Eguergie", wh. providentially was going up-river tomorrow. Passing the [illegible], saw Joseph Akanda, and rebuked him for his trespass yesterday. Stopped at Madam Pequin's, for potatoes; she had none. At Daumas (new store) and bought a case of potatoes. At Nyfiria's village, passed the house where Agonjo lay dead; the R. C. had baptised her, and I did not go in. At Ijuli's house, talked to her about her neglecting church-services. At tailor Johnin's, talked with him, about his duty to the woman with whom he was living. On, to Lasani's, and

[illegible] from [illegible], of Agonjo's dying hour. Reaching home near noon: Fang waiting for me, for counting of [illegible]. Ate hearty dinner. Counted [illegible] 1300 pieces, and paid for it. Heavy shower of rain. After supper, Mons. Gaillard came to say that the Com.-General de Brazza and the Com. of Marine consented to the passage of Mr. Marling and family down from Angom, on the "Cyrnonge" w. returning about 7 days. At evening meeting, Celia Ewing & the Gorei man declared their marriage, in a very shame-faced way.

Tuesday, Oct. 13 } Began a letter to Dr. Morton of Philadelphia.
Wed'y " 14 } On last corrections of Revision of Ecclesiastes. A letter, by H. & C.'s boat, from up river, from Rev. Bates, of date Sat'y 10th, & from Mrs Marling of date Sab. 11th. Matters getting worse there. But, I am not able to help them out of their difficulty, into wh. (it seems to me) they are partly to blame for its existence. Anyentyuwe came, to buy some marriage-presents for Celia.

Oct. 14th, rainy. Completed the letter to Dr. Morton. Mason Johns came to ask for work. A new mason had also come, on Monday, to ask for the same.

Thursday, Oct. 15th: Angentyuré and her carpenter, David, came to look at my carpenter shed, as a model for hers to be built. Had begun a letter to Miss Emma Adams, of Chestnut Hill, Pa., but did not feel in writing-spirit. Showers during the day. In afternoon, after Revision, lettering the "Mission Protestante Americaine" boards, to be put over the gateways of the premises. Very tired with my standing at the penciling. Lonely evening.

Friday, Oct. 16th }
Sat'y, " 17th } Continued at the letter to Miss Adams; and Revision; a showery day.

The 17th also was alternation of shower and light; Finished the letter to Miss Adams, very long. Sent some 10 young breadfruit trees to Roi Denis.

In afternoon, at 3.00 o'k, the "Cigogne" was seen coming; sent off 2 boats, also wagon, to the Plateau pier. The boats returned with the baggage

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And Mrs Ogden, Mrs Marling and baby, came by road from Plateau, Word came in advance that Mr. Marling had died last Monday, and had been buried at Angom, on Tuesday. A number of natives came in, to sympathize, after Mrs Marling arrived. Hauling boats & baggage from the Douane: sent to plateau for unsweetened milk, for Mrs Marling's use. Late making entries at night in accts. Very depressed at prospect of difficulties, at Angom, whether Mrs Marling wishes me to go, to arrange affairs of her husband's death.

Sabbath, Oct. 18 }
Monday, " 19 }
Tuesday, " 20 }

Sabbath a bright warm day. After morning Service, many persons came in, to salute Mrs Marling. I was indignant that her assailant, Otandi, was one of them. At church, Gili had remained to Sab. Sch. and had taught her Class. After night Service, had a long and difficult and painful talk with Mrs Marling. On Monday, after short opening of the Storehouse, went to Plateau;— To Post office, to post letters: To Telegraph office, to cable

news of Mr. Marling's death:- To Durand's, to engage board for Augentyer, and inquire for manioc & milk for Mrs Marling; To Dauvas, and got a specimen of manioc and milk. At Durand's, had got ~~seeds~~ of Mexican chestnuts to plant. On way back, at Hospital, to get Bromide of quinine, for Mrs M.; To office of M. Delaland, Com. of Marine, to ~~return~~ thank for Mrs Ogden:- To Perquai's & Sub-Dauvas for manioc & milk, - none. To market, and bought fish, and sent it ahead. At Holt's, found my umbrella, lost there by Mr. Pressat a month ago: On to ~~Azogu~~ Guillis, and counseled her to continue her good return to Sab. Sch. On to ~~Tailor Johnson's~~ Augentyer's and counseled with her, about what I shd. do for the journey to Hog... Late to dinner. Ate heartily, and enjoyed the fish. At Revision; and then put up 2 of the gateway signs, along the entrances ~~to the premises~~. Good Prayer-meeting, at night. Had sent for Aty ... to counsel with him, about the payment of Mr. Marling's rebellious servants. On Tuesday,

frequent showers all day. French mail came in; " ", but it brought us no letters. Wrote a letter to [illegible]. In afternoon, Mr. Hudson, of H. & C., asked for a private interview, about the [illegible] bills, wh. had accumulated from Mrs. Marling's accts. Began to feel, under the unhealthy dampness, a reaction from Monday night's loss of sleep, and yesterday's walking.

Wed'y Oct. 21st
Thursday " 22d
Friday " 23d
} Made no records during these days. On Wed'y evening, after Meeting, Mr. Hudson having a conference with Mrs Marling, I left the house, and took a walk to Lacey's house. Moonlight. And on Thursday night, escorted Mrs Marling to Lacey's, she having some cloth she wished Akyentyuir to cut out for her. Mrs Lewis and her family carrying some building materials for her house. On the 23d, the German mail came, with a few letters from Batanga. Sent the men for boards to Durand's, but, they had not yet been landed from the steamer (French). Mr. Ibra came, about 2.30. P.M.

Sat. Oct. 24. Sabbath " 25. Monday " 26. Tuesday " 27. } Made no entries. In afternoon of Sat. spent 2 hours, at getting Mr. Ibia his supplies. Was [illegible], and did not enter my week's accts. Threatening rain, in afternoon (did not rain much). Sent man to get boards at Durand's, for Anyentyuwe's house. Lasime's marriage visit. Clear day on Sabbath. Mr. Ibia preached, in morning. The "Como" came in, with mail from St Thomé.

On Monday, rainy morning. Made out Customs papers, for Mr Ibia's boat.

Tuesday. After store hour, went to Plateau, with 13 errands:- To Dannons, for milk and [illegible]:- To Chargeurs-Reunis, to try to buy bricks:- To Durand's, for bush-rope:- To Post-office, for $10. stamps. for Batanga:- To Com. of Marine, to inquire about time of going of "Como" up river:- To Custom House, to complain of their compelling Mr. Ibia's boat to apply for billet de poste:- At Fish-market, but no fish:- At Holt's, to inquire about French dress-maker, for Mr Marling;

and other things to be bought for Mrs Marling:– To Bettencourt's tub-factory, to inquire price of "utevě":– To Lasari's, to inquire address of Mrs. Durband:– To Papé's village (had been there on my down) to Ejadi-bĕndonda; and, back to Baraka, by 12.15 noon. Gave out men's rations. Ate hearty dinner. Revision, in afternoon. Sent 3 men, for the bush-rope. Sent 1 man to German Factory, to see if he wd. buy a Bill of Exchange for $ 50. Planted flowers. Gave the school-children coco-nuts. Morning had been very warm, when Mrs. Ibiá started to Corisco. Afternoon cool. Tired in evening.

Wed. / Oct. 28th. Usual work, in morning. Wrote a letter to Sister Bella. In afternoon, arrangements for Mrs Marling going to Plateau; vacillation; at first, hammock,– the boat,– then, feared Tran,– and decided for hammock. She was to have gone at 2½ P.M.; did not go till after 4. P.M. I sent crew at 1.30 P.M., to get out boat. At 2. P.M. recalled them, to put boat up, and get ready hammock. At 3. o'clk. I went to

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Inquiry Class; and, at 4. P.M., went alone to Plateau, to Com. of Marine, - he was not in; To Director of Interior, to buy bricks, - they c'd. not sell; To Brandon's for brick, - they had none; nor had he any money to exchange for B. of E., Nor had Bettmeunt money; On to see about Anyentyuwe's building, - very poor work being done. ~~At~~ On way back to Baraka, stopped to see Ejâdi-Veudonda. At Baraka, by 6.30. P.M. Arranged ~~at~~ Miss Marling was not yet back. She arrived at 7. P.M., in rain. Very few at Prayer-Meeting, - heavy rain.

Thursday, Oct. 29. } Friday " 30. } Some arrangements, assisting Anyentyuwe about a carpenter, to build her temporary house, The man, David, unsatisfactory; I proposed Sveke, & he was willing; but she expects to get a Goree man. In afternoon, Lasani brought his silverware, for me to keep for him. In evening, after Prayers, I read, for 1½ hours, to Mrs Ogden and Miss Marling, short stories from the "Century" magazine. Sent a letter of request, to Com. of Marine Delalande, for

passage up-river when he should be going with the gun-boat. On Friday, disappointed as no steamers came; 3 expected, English from both north & south, and German from south. Rainy morning. Mr Hudson called, on Mrs Marling's wish, to consult about a certificate of Mr. Marling's death.

Saty. Oct. 31st. Three steamers were at anchor, by 7.30. A.M., an English ("Teneriffe"), from south, & English ("Niger", Capt. Davis) from north, & "Gertrud Woermann", from south. Mail came. News of death of Capt. Jonathan Holt. Word from Comt. of Marine Delalande that the "Como" would go up river, to-morrow at 7. A.M. Hasting to get Mrs Marling ready. After dinner, went to the "Niger", engaged passage to Batanga, on its return & and got two £5. bills Bank of England notes. Capt. D. gave me some apples. Returned, and making arrangements for Mrs Marling's journey tomorrow, and mine on Monday. After supper went to Mr. Fildes, and he loaned me 3 men, to aid Mrs Marling at Angom, till I can reach there, next week. Anyentyuwa is sorry at news of Capt.

Holt's death. Late sending of messengers, for Mr Marling's clothing made for mourning suit.

Sabbath, Nov. 1 Monday " 2 Tuesday " 3 Wed'y " 4 Thursday " 5 Friday " 6 ~~Saturday " 7~~	Usual morning Sab. Services and large Sab. School. After church, killed a large python in goat-house, wh. had been killing many ducks. Monthly concert, in evening. Could not keep away my thoughts off of my expected journey for Benita.

Had not slept well all Sat'y night, thinking of responsibility of getting up in time. Rose at 4.30, aroused employees at 5. A.M., to get out "Evangeline" & "Christine". Hurried off at 6. A.M., Mr Fildes was not ready, started from pier at 6.15, & at "Como", in time to unload, & steamer with Mr Marling left at 7. A.M., & I returned in "Christine".

On Monday, up promptly. Last arrangements, and a letter to write to Mr. Dulles, and Anyentyuwe came for supplies, & accompanied me part of the way to the beach, at 10. A.M.; and I hurried off from pier at 10.15. With tide and rowing; Clear day,

that subsequently became warm; smooth water, & I was not sea-sick. Passed Parrot & Köenig Islands and passed Idongiliya (R.C. mission), miscalled "Dongila"; at 5. P.M. At the time the tide had changed, a gentle north-wind was blowing, & took us against the down tide. Localities and points shown to me by Elder Adiande, whom I had taken along, Mwanga my Captain. When wind failed at 8. P.M., I ordered out the oars; and, at 10. P.M., they turned up; Men rowed sleepily, not earnestly availing themselves of the advantage of the tide. After midnight, they rowed better. Expected to have allowed them to anchor at 5. A.M. of Tuesday Box, at the time we were passing H. & C.'s native trader old Antyuwa; and tide not being strongly against us, the men preferred to pull on.

Reached Angom at 8. A.M. of Tuesday. Was met at the landing by Mr. Bates, who took charge of discharging; and I went on to the mission-house. Welcomed by Mr. Marling, and soon was at breakfast. Had eaten pretty well, on the way, of the mealy-

Angoon

~~put up~~

put-up food Mrs Ogan had made for me. Had no rain on the way, except the last 2 hours. My rubber coat had kept me dry. At once, began, on a memorandum I had made of items to be arranged with Mrs Marling, and things to be done: especially, about Mr. Marling's pay-roll with his employees. Visited his grave with Mrs. Marling. And walked among the fruit-trees & flowers. Quite dazed and tired, in my room with loss of sleep. The Fam considerately kept away, except one man, an officious professing christian. At night, still arranging, but retired early, & slept soundly. On Wed. 7, still busy at accts, and arranging. Paid a few of the men. No dispute. Mr. Marling's accts with his employees being in exact order. Planning about the piano: many suggestions: finally, decided ~~to~~ I sh'd take it down with me. All Wed'y afternoon, with carpenter Williams & 6 men, getting it from the parlor on to the porch, and boxed. Left it there for the night. Had sent Marling's, and

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Sent Idenga to the forest, to cut me Kombogombo boat-rollers & Rain; wh. slackened for Prayer-meeting time; conducted Service in Mpongwe, & Mr. Bates in Fang. During the day, had read a letter of Miss Kingsley, in the "N. Y. Independent" about her journey across country from Ogowe; very accurate description of an African forest. A very startling bolt of thunder [Was subsequently told it was heard also at Baraka, ~~at sea-side~~]. Final financial and church-~~money~~ arrangements with Mrs Marling.

On Thursday, after prayers, promptly sent Elder Adande & the crew, to rig the boat, and then, after breakfast at 8. A.M., with a force of 30 or more hired & volunteers, carefully slid the piano box on beams down the veranda steps, & rolled it on a portable rail-way, to the landing: &, with the rail-way laid on beams, carefully slid it down the steep and into the boat; — a 2½ hours job, by 10.30. A.M.; Then, back to the house, to gather my baggage; — to eat a lunch; and, with a good-bye prayer, left Angom, with salutations by all its employees, & started

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at 12, noon. Tide going down. In passing Antyumes, slowed, to offer to take letter fr ~~[illegible]~~ him to H. & C. At ~~[illegible]~~ another Nenguenga, slowed, to take, as passenger the Akele school-teacher of Angom, Jean. Tide turned up at 3. P. M. stopped, at 4. P. M., at Fang village, Mafu: an R. C. station; Inpongwe (of Ogowe) trader, Njilo. Mafu a miniature Bitâgâ; carefully covered piano-box with sails & thatch. Very threatening sky. In the cove, tide suddenly turned up at 7.30; &, at 8. A. M., we started keeping in shore, tide had fully turned down at 9., when rain began. About 10 or 11 o'clk, we stuck, in darkness & rain, on a mud-bank. Jean had gone to sleep, & did not know the place. (It proved to be Asango river mouth). Lay there in the rain, till 2, or 3. A. M., of Friday when we ~~[illegible]~~ poled ourselves off; &, rowing against tide, made scarcely any progress, till about 4. A. M.; Nacinga voluntarily ~~took~~ oar, and energetically forced the boat on. Rain ceased at 4. A. M. No wind. & slight nkâmi wind came, about 6. A. M.. ~~[illegible]~~,

with tide down, helped us past Köenig island. At Ovendo, finally took sail down. Round to the pier, meeting tide at 12. noon. And, at pier by 1. P.M. Mr. Williams & Rev. C., took charge of discharging & moving the piano box successfully. . A note from Hugentin. Finally, at Baraka by 3. P.M. Putting things away. In evening, went to tell Hugentin the news. Great surprise by all, that I had been able to accomplish the landing either of the piano-box.